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RULEVILLE'S DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN,
HORACE SYLVAN STANSEL—1888-1936
By Rev. W. A. Bell

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Horace Stansel, the son of James Polk Stansel and Rebecca Josephine Stansel, was born at Columbus, Mississippi, November 5, 1888. His early education was obtained at Franklin Academy located in Columbus. He was forced to leave school in the sixth grade, but in 1910, resumed his training at A. & M. College, Starkville, working his way through school. He graduated from A. & M. in 1914, rich in the esteem of his fellows, being president of the senior class, president of the Dramatic Club, and business manager of the Reflector. He was always at the battle front in athletics.

Brother Stansel was married to Dovie Pearl High of Starkville, August 15, 1914. There were born to this union two daughters, Mary Rebecca and Virginia Pearl.

After completing his civil engineering course, Horace Stansel took up his work at Ruleville. His efficiency and energy made him very much in demand, and his work still remains as an everlasting monument to him. He was one of the state's most eminent engineers.

He was born to be a leader. Elected to the House from Sunflower County in 1923, his activity has centered in highway legislation, gas taxes, and other projects of similar nature. He is best known to Mississippians for his long, persistent, capable fight for good roads, and has rightly been called, "The Father of Good Roads in Mississippi." Elected Speaker at the beginning of the last regular session he immediately shouldered the burden of an adequate highway program, himself drafting the bills authorizing the program, and steering them to final passage as his last great achievement.

During the last few years he has been PWA Director for the state, and has been such a tireless, efficient on that at a recent session of the legislature Senator Harrison called him "the best PWA Director in the nation."

He was a member of the Ruleville Baptist Church, firm in his faith, and greatly beloved by his pastor.

Brother Stansel was a Pythian and Maccabee. He was a York and Scottish Rite Mason, and a Shriner. For years he has been a member of the different committees of the Grand Lodge and is a past Deputy Grand Master.

His greatest work from a fraternal standpoint, was done in the Order of the Eastern Star. He served as Patron of Ruleville Chapter No. 61, and was so proficient in his work he immediately attracted the attention of the members of the Grand Chapter. They recognized his efficiency by electing him Worthy Grand Patron in 1924. His interest in, and love for, the Order have never waned, and as chairman of the Ritual Committee for a number of years he has brought the work in Mississippi to such a state of perfection that it is considered one of the very best in the General Grand Chapter. His tireless labor, unerring precision, and great wealth of ritualistic knowledge shall bear rich fruit throughout many years.

Brother Stansel's personality was magnetic;

he drew men. He, seemingly without conscious effort, rose above his fellows and led them. Yet, always considerate, he never called upon any man for a task he was not willing to do himself. God stamped upon his ruddy countenance a contagious smile, and gave him a joyful disposition which never failed him even in the darkest hour. His politeness and affability so impressed his opponents that, even after the battle had gone against them, they still liked him. His zeal, earnestness, nobility of purpose, versatility, and courageous leadership made him a genuine blessing to individuals and organizations. His gentleness charmed; his humility amazed. His character, like the lily was full of loveliness. His public and private records are like diamonds in the sun; observed at any angle and they stare you squarely in the face. His sacrificial service, directed by the hand of a genius, has cut out a channel in the public policies of Mississippi through which shall flow its activities for many generations to come.

As a fitting climax to the memory of this great man, distinguished statesman, and loyal citizen, Ruleville plans with the aid of the WPA and friends to establish a Stansel Memorial Library. There in the shadow of great books, books that this diligent student loved and made his constant companions, his friends and the generations that come after in our little town may find themselves literally walking in the path of one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century.

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THE TOWN OF RULEVILLE
By Rev. W. A. Bell

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(Much of this information furnished by Will Hanna and John Edmondson.)

It was a belt of black gold, this land of western Mississippi cradled in the fertile basins of the Sunflower and Quiver Rivers. Like a mighty chest filled with "pieces of eight" it lured the sturdy, pioneer heart to many a harrowing experience in its fever laden swamps. He who cares to investigate will find the tales of its early history written in hardship, privation, disease, bloodshed, and death. The man of the hills who heard the call of the Delta wild was told by his sorrowing friends that he was bidding farewell to health, God, and religion. But there is a heroism deeply planted within the human breast that disregarded this solemn warning, and caused a ceaseless caravan of dauntless souls to move steadily in to conquer and possess the land.

At night, while they warmed stiff limbs by the cheerful blaze of large log fires, smoked their pipes, and pondered over their problems, the wild life on the outside kept them company with great variety of musical chatter. Oftentimes, however, sweet complacency was rudely jarred by the ravenous howls of a pack of wolves making short work of their all too small supply of cattle and hogs. Then, too, steeled as they were to the dangers of the wilderness they simply could not control the shivers that raced up and down their spines as the blood-curdling screech of a panther punctuated the darkness. By day, as they tramped the trails to and fro from work,

it was a common thing to meet a bear in the path. Sometimes they frightened the bear away with an involuntary but none-the-less terrible war whoop that could be heard for miles. At other times the bear was shot; and, on one occasion, an old settler recounts that, not having his gun, he yelled as loud as he could, and then ran for a small tree, for he had heard that a bear could not climb a sapling.

The ceaseless cycle of irresistible years moved relentlessly on taking a terrible toll among these sons of men; but the true American spirit of heroism that always prophesied ultimate conquest moved them steadily onward in the gigantic task of complete subjugation. Day after day with the best tools they could procure these men cultivated small plots of ground, guarded their cattle and hogs, hunted wild life for food, and reared their families. Side by side with these men noble, determined women braved the dangers and endured the hardships as real partners in the job of carving out a new country.

In these early days there were only a few families in this part of the Delta, such families as the Hannas, Marrows, Marshalls, and Stiglers. Aaron Forrest, brother of General Forrest, had cleared a track of land now known as the Yeager place, and this land he worked with a big number of slaves whom he kept locked up at night in cages. Mr. William Hanna, a doctor, bought a place here in 1855; and moved his family from Copiah County to this place in 1856. He also used slaves to clear and work his land, but gave them more comfortable quarters by building little log houses instead of cages. Supplies for this neighborhood came down the Mississippi River to Carson's Landing, and from this point they were brought through the woods on small trails. Most all journeys, however, had to be undertaken in the summer months, for with the coming of the rainy season both men and mules would bog down in the treacherous gumbo.

Prior to the Civil War the place now called Ruleville was only a number of acres of land from which the underbrush had been cleared, and on which the trees had been killed, many of the old trunks standing for years. The place was then known as Key's Deadening. The settlement of the neighborhood, if it could be dignified by such a title, was west of what is now Ruleville on the Sunflower River, where a ferry was then located. The population had gradually journeyed that way because water was then the recognized mode of transportation. 'Twas the thrill of a life-time when in 1878 the Government dredged the river, and the boats began to steam past. The shrill whistle of these freighters down the river was then the signal for everybody to throw down his work and run for the landing. Crowds would ride up the stream to Birch's Landing, beyond which the river was not navigable, watch the boat unload and load again, then ride back on it to this settlement. Some of the firms of the early days were Fason and Gillespie, Gillespie and Tackett, W. G. Barner, Dreyfus, and Harwell. These stores were located on both sides of the river, and did good business.

The social life of these years was simple but
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Sparks and Splinters

Three young men of the church at Clinton will shortly be examined for ordination to the ministry.

Some things which were crowded out of our centennial edition will appear in this or later issues.

There are said to be 22 institutions in North Carolina for taking care of orphaned and dependent children.

Emmanuel Church, Baton Rouge, honored Pastor and Mrs. Hooks with a delightful reception and many useful gifts recently.

"In intelligence and mechanical skill we are advanced moderns; in morals we are Negroes of New Guinea."—W. L. Poteat.

The World Wide Guild, an organization for girls among Northern Baptists, last year read 100,000 books and gave \$550,000 for missionary work. Any connection?

W. W. Gaines of Atlanta quotes Dr. Geo. A. Buttrick as saying to the preachers of Atlanta that "two things should characterize a sermon, timeliness and timelessness."

Speaking of providing for our old and dependent preachers, some one asks, "Shall we let business and the government be more Christian than the church?"

A young man who was on his way to commit suicide turned and went with the crowd into the City Auditorium in St. Louis and heard Dr. Truett who was on the preaching mission. He was saved and made his confession of faith.

There is hardly a state legislature where the liquor people do not work assiduously for the passage of bills favorable to their business. Any objection to people who love righteousness doing so?

We published recently the program of the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference to be held in Natchez Monday night, Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 16-17. These meetings are always inspiring. Be sure to go.

The Pope is calling on Protestants to join him in the fight against communism. This foxy grandpa on the Tiber has concluded he needs the help of others to pull his chestnuts out of the fire in Mexico, Spain and elsewhere. Excuse us.

A speaker at the Iowa Baptist Convention said that in the three members of the state liquor commission we have the worst dictatorship imaginable. The present method of handling liquor has not stopped bootlegging, but increased it. They favor a state local option law.

One reporting the Iowa Baptist Convention says the Convention was organized in 1802 with 386 members. In 1907 the membership was 41,000, but has grown only 10,000 since then. Messengers this year 398, visitors 18.

Iowa Baptists, according to the Baptist Record published in that state, have been having some divisions and difficulties among themselves. In the opinion of one who reports their recent state pastors' conference, their troubles are caused by pastors who attended Moody Bible Institute.

An inspector, examining a class in religious knowledge, asked the following question of a little girl intending it for a catch: "What was the difference between Noah's Ark and Joan of Arc?" He was not a little surprised when the child, answering, said: "Noah's Ark was made of wood and Joan of Arc was maid of Orleans."

Communism has had charged to its account about all the devilment that has been practiced in this country for the past five or ten years. And now they tell us that Russian Communism is the power behind "Father Divine," the Negro who is worshiped in Harlem. Russia is sure some goat, when it is held responsible for all our tomfoolery and wickedness. We have returned to the days of our infancy when "Rawhead and Bloody Bones" was in every dark closet and garrett.

Consecrated ignorance will get the church into all sorts of trouble.—Sel.

Forty-one were added to the First Church, Brookhaven, three days before the meeting closed. We hope to have a full final report.

Our work goes well at Union. Four additions last Sunday. Another \$500.00 bond on church building paid, also an offering for State Missions made.—Montie A. Davis.

Winnfield Church, Louisiana, of which Dr. B. C. Land is pastor reports a total membership of 1,007, the number of baptisms in the past year 85, and total contributions \$9,236.90.

A report from First Church, Bogalusa, says they ordained two young deacons lately and are soon to build a cradle roll and nursery department. They must ordain them young down there.

Soon you will see announcement of the schedule of free railroad cars which bring provisions to the Baptist Orphanage. Get your committees ready and have the things gathered in time to put them aboard the Thanksgiving Cars.

We published Oct. 14 the hotel rates in Natchez. There are two hotels listed, The Natchez and the Eola. If you want a reservation write to one of them. We give this week an announcement from Pastor W. A. Sullivan about entertainment on the bed and breakfast plan.

Thank the Lord the 100,000 Club and the 5,000 Club have shown a lot of us we can do a good deal more than we thought we could, or had been doing. Now let's keep it up. Like the negro in the penitentiary who when asked how long he was in for, he said, "From now on."

The question is often asked, How long should a pastor remain on a field? That is like the question, How long ought a man's legs to be? Lincoln said, "Long enough to reach the ground." Ordinarily when there is any considerable number of the church members who refuse to cooperate, it is better for him to go. It sometimes takes a good deal of grace to be able to see when this is true.

We agree with the editor of the Baptist Courier, Dr. W. C. Allen, that a separate church service for children is not the best, nor the New Testament way. We believe in children going to church just like grown people and along with the grown people. And special recognition should be given them in the services by the preacher and by others who prepare the church service. But do not believe in any sort of a split church. We must all share the fellowship in worship, and the same gospel is intended for all alike. Jesus said we need to become as little children. It is an erroneous notion to suppose that children cannot understand and receive spiritual truth. They take it in without effort, without being aware of it. A preacher can hardly have greater joy or a greater opportunity than when preaching to children. They are a great inspiration.

FROM MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

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I notice in one of your editorials in the Baptist Record that you state that \$500,000.00 in bonds were floated for Mississippi College in 1922, when in fact it was just half that much, or \$250,000. Furthermore, you will recall that these bonds were retired out of the proceeds accruing to Mississippi College from the Seventy-five Million Campaign and the Cooperative Program, while at the same time, Blue Mountain College and Woman's College were getting their pro rata share of the money accruing to Christian Education. Any one reading the editorial, who was not acquainted with the facts, would be led to believe that Mississippi College had been the favored child of the denomination. The record will show, however, that during the last eighteen years Mississippi Baptists have put twice as much money in the education of young women as they have in the education of our young men. I cannot feel impressed that the Lord wants it that way. Anyhow, we want to keep the record straight, and I am sure you will be glad to make the correction.

Fraternally yours,
D. M. Nelson, President

The Wallerville church recently launched a \$2,000.00 building program with one-half of it pledged at the first service. Wallerville is also leading Union County in the number of 5,000 Club memberships. Rev. Perry Ray is the pastor and Mrs. L. L. Coleman is the county W. M. U. 5,000 Club chairman.

We may come to the time in this country when the right of free speech by infidel Communists will have to be defended by Baptists. The way to counteract heresy, either political or religious, is not by forbidding or hampering free speech by any sort of persecution or restraint. The lovers of truth should and can take care of it.—Baptist Standard.

McAllen, Tex.: Bro. D. A. McCall ("Scotchie") held for us a young people's revival, closing Sunday night. There have been additions every service since his meeting closed. He is a marvel with young folk, and a mighty good Gospel preacher for all ages. Our people liked him. When Philadelphia gets tired of him we will bring him to Texas.—H. W. Shirley, Pastor.

In the Kosciusko First Church revival recently, we had the assistance of Dr. B. L. Davis of Brookhaven. We believe he was sent to us of God. We have never had with us better help than this princely brother, this forceful preacher, this splendid Gospel evangelist. He won the hearts of all our people. We had 24 additions, 15 of them by baptism. We thank God and take courage.—Pastor A. T. Cinnamon.

Pastor W. A. Sullivan, First Baptist Church, Natchez, writes: "Delegates to the Centennial Convention who wish entertainment on the Harvard plan will please report to the entertainment committee at the First Baptist Church, Main and Rankin Streets, immediately upon arrival in Natchez. Automobiles will meet all incoming trains for the convenience of delegates coming by railroads. We expect to do our best to make everybody comfortable."

Recently friends have contributed funds to have the Baptist Record sent to missionaries. Half a dozen or more get it in this way. Here is one letter of thanks: "I thank you for your courtesy in placing my name on the complimentary list of those to whom the Baptist Record is to come as a weekly visitor. I read the paper with interest for news of friends and co-workers in your good State and for items and articles that may be used to advantage in our work in Nigeria." Cordially and gratefully yours, Geo. Green.

The Lord has been with the people of the Boyle Baptist Church in a most gracious revival. Brother O. U. Rushing led the singing in the best manner possible and our pastor, Rev. L. T. Greer, preached gospel sermons with great power. The result of which was forty-six (46) additions; twenty-six (26) came on profession of faith and for baptism and twenty (20) by letter. On the last day of the revival, plans were made for building an addition to the church for the purpose of Sunday school rooms. May the Lord lead us on to further victories!—Member.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RULEVILLE



REV. W. A. BELL
Pastor of Baptist Church, Ruleville

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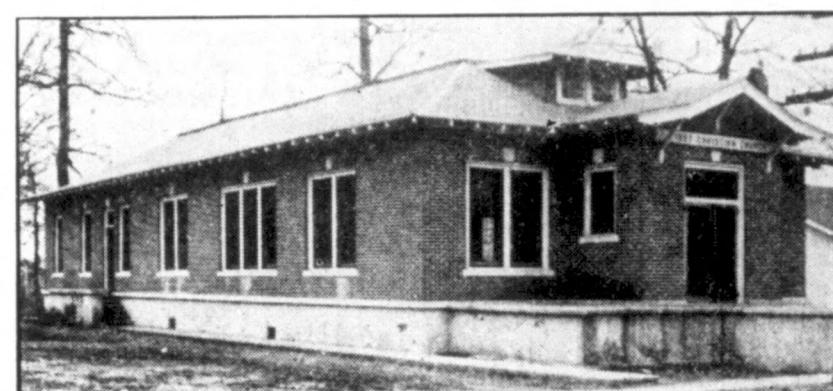
sufficient. The best "yarners" met at the stores and spun them by the dozens. Many a swain "spooned" along the wooded trails with his best "gal." Occasionally there was a square dance, but these were few, for many of the folks were church members, and as an old settler said, "Them wuz the days when a feller wuz churched next meeting' day fer dancin'." Liquor flowed freely, but when a man got unsteady on his feet, he went, or was steered, toward home. These pioneers believed in protecting their "women folks"; and when one showed up at the stores, if there was a fellow there who had been drinking too much, he didn't stop to argue, he just knew it was time for him to "git."

Of course, in the midst of joys there always are sorrows. The settlers came from hardy stock, but health conditions were bad, and the "Grim Reaper" claimed a heavy toll. Swamps had not been drained, people knew nothing of screens, pump and surface water were used, hematuria resulted from insufficient knowledge of, and inadequate facilities for fighting malaria. Few doctors settled here. Then, too, maybe miles of mud had to be traversed to get them. Sympathetic neighbors gathered with sorrowing families to watch rude boxes lowered in community burying grounds, while the country parson who had ridden many miles through the mud on his faithful mule said comforting words over the bodies of the deceased. Among these early preachers of sacrificial service the name of J. E. Watts stands high.

In the early eighties we find other families who had moved in and become established, and these must be added to the original list: Edmond-



M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, RULEVILLE



CHRISTIAN CHURCH, RULEVILLE



HORACE STANSEL
Statesman-Patriot, Ruleville. Late Speaker of the House of Representatives, Honored, Revered and Loved by the Entire State.

sons, Lloyds, Jones, Tacketts, and many others whom I cannot name.

The year 1882 saw these pioneers in one of the most terrific of their many struggles as the "Father of Waters" sent his swirling current over the whole country. This flood, however, only made the land richer, and the soldiers more determined. Again they emerged victorious.

History, like a plateau in a leaning curve, has a way of gradually concentrating its energies for a hightly forward rush upon the emergencies of a favorable occasion. Such an occasion arose in the history of this section when in 1884 the Rule brothers moved from Sunny-side to Key's Deadening. These brothers, John, Church, and James, purchased a hundred and

sixty acres of virgin soil at one dollar an acre, which land was owned by John Tyler, who a year or two before had obtained it from the State for the big sum of \$32.50 for the entire tract. The Rule brothers built a store, a cotton gin, grist mill, and a saw mill. They also put several acres of their newly acquired farm into cultivation. The store, named Rule Brothers, was a split-log building with a puncheon floor. Rule Brother's Gin and a gin owned by Faison, the only two in this locality, ginned the gigantic amount of 210 bales in the year 1886. These bales of cotton were shipped away by boat, for as yet there was no railroad through this district.

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Rev. Winston F. Borum recently celebrated his fifth anniversary as pastor at Midland, Tex.

Rev. F. K. Horton of Magnolia has accepted the call to First Church, Columbia. His people at Magnolia give him up with sincere regret.

Pastor Jas. B. Parker was with First Church, Monroe, N. C., in a gracious meeting. There were 23 added to the church. This is the church in which he grew up.

The revival meeting began at Calvary Church Sunday with Dr. J. A. Huff of First Church, New Orleans, preaching. The house was full, even the galleries, and there was a deep seriousness in the congregation. The meeting continues through the middle of next week.

Blue Mountain College has 24 daughters of preachers and missionaries in the student body. The college orchestra has been organized and is planning a series of concerts this season. Most of the graduates of last year are occupying important positions in teaching or business.

Professor David E. Guyton, head of the Department of History at Blue Mountain College, and representing Mississippi in the American Congress of Poets, has just received advice that one of his poems has been chosen for publication in the eighth annual issue of "The Paebar, Anthology of Verse" issued by a New York City publisher.

A "liberal interpretation of the Constitution" just about means the twisting of the constitution to make it mean what it doesn't mean and was never intended to mean. We have come upon times when men believe that anything which can be construed as an emergency justifies laying aside all constitutional authority and doing what ever you please to do.

One of our Baptist exchanges passes on this information: "In a nation-wide poll on the presidential election it is revealed that Roosevelt gets 82 per cent of the Jewish vote; 78 per cent of the Roman Catholic; 54 per cent of the Baptist; 43 per cent of the Methodist; 37 per cent of the Presbyterian, and 37 per cent of the Episcopalian. He is an Episcopalian. Landon is a Methodist.

The annual revival meeting of the First Baptist Church, Biloxi, closed Sunday night, Oct. 25, with a baptismal service when the pastor, Rev. G. C. Hodge, baptized seven into the fellowship of the church. Rev. D. L. Sturgis of Indianola did the preaching and Mr. Otis (M. E.) Perry of Denton, Texas, led the singing and young people's services. The entire church was greatly revived.

During the last fiscal year liquor cost consumers five billion dollars, in which about ten per cent tax was paid the government. The crime bill was fifteen billion dollars. The number of accidents in which drinking drivers were involved increased 40 per cent in the past two years; and fifty per cent in the case of drinking pedestrians. There are over a million girls employed as barmaids. One hundred people are killed every day by automobiles, many of them because of drinking. These figures are from the National Anti-Saloon League office in Washington.

Undoubtedly there has been a tendency in many churches in the South for deacons by imperceptible processes to take over the initiative from the church, initiative which the church itself is responsible for exercising in directing its affairs. There is no justification for deacons making recommendations to the church in a way that tends to make free discussion of the proposals by members appear to be presumptuous and a strain on fellowship. Nor do most deacons want it so. Many of them draw back from this tendency, but yet it goes on—especially in city churches. It can be cured if pastors and deacons will set themselves together to cure it.—Western Recorder.

If your Record comes in a Pink Wrapper this week, it means that your subscription expires with this issue. In order not to miss a copy send your renewal in now. Don't wait, you might forget.

Rev. J. A. Bryant who has done good work as pastor of country churches in Walthall County has been appointed chaplain in the army reserve and is now located in Georgia.

An exchange says that the 31,434 names in the new edition of "Who's Who," 86% attended college, 74% were graduated. Of the women whose names are included 71% attended college.

Mrs. Eva Phillips Bishop of Philadelphia leaves her estate valued at \$35,000 to her parents, and after their death to Shorter College in Georgia, of which she is a graduate and where her husband taught several years.

Statistics of Hinds-Warren Association show: Gifts by Sunday schools of association, \$6,717.16; gifts to all local objects, \$98,470.26; gifts to all missions, etc., \$30,445.83; grand total, \$128,916.08; enrolled in W. M. U. organizations, 1,789; gifts of W. M. U., \$12,054.93 to local; gifts of W. M. U., \$3,504.55 to missions, etc.; total, \$15,559.48.

Dr. W. E. Denham of St. Louis is with Davis memorial Church in Jackson for a two weeks' meeting, closing this Friday night. The congregations have grown constantly and the interest deepened. Sunday morning and evening the house was full and three joined the church, two men on confession of faith. Dr. Denham has this week been giving expositions of the Epistle of Philippians, for which he has special fitness.

In Russia the churches, according to the new constitution are given liberty to worship, but no permission is given them to propagate their faith while propaganda is specially allowed anti-religious organizations. Now isn't that about the way that the idea of separation of church and state is interpreted in this country. No tax supported school is permitted to teach the Christian faith, but no restraint is put on professors who antagonize the Christian beliefs.

Tabulation of the work in the church at Philadelphia has been sent us by Pastor D. A. McCall covering a period of 16 years. This shows that the year 1935 was far ahead of the previous years in all lines of work. There were 120 enrolled in B. T. U., 513 in Sunday school with an average attendance of 254. The membership of the church was 523, and the gifts to missions \$5,860, to current expenses \$7,537, totaling \$14,397. There were 33 baptisms in that year.

The editor had the pleasure of preaching to the church at Forest Sunday morning. They are looking forward with joy to the coming of their pastor-elect, A. B. Wood of Maxton, N. C. Wood to Forest. That is not exactly carrying coals to New Castle. He is highly spoken of by brother Goodrich who knew him at Wake-Forest College, and by Dr. A. A. Kitchings who knew him at the Louisville Seminary. We will all join in welcoming him to Mississippi where he begins his work the last Sunday in this month.

Sunday, November 1, First Church at Gainesville, Ga., rejoiced to get into their renovated building which was badly damaged by the storm last spring. Pastor Roland Q. Leavell will preach in a two weeks' meeting. Their bulletin gives a brief history of the church organized in 1831. They are very happy. The mission collections have not fallen off inspite of their heavy losses in storm, and they have a balance in the local treasury. The membership is now 1,347, having received 982 during the nine years of Pastor Leavell's service, of whom 372 came by baptism.

One argument advanced by "wet" dailies and by our high-ups in politics in favor of "repeal" was that the brewery business would decrease unemployment. The American Federation of Labor, friendly to the present administration, says there has been practically no reduction in unemployment in the country as a whole. The Christian Century, one of the outstanding publications in this country, says: "There are more people out of employment now than at any time in the last five years." And all this in spite of the fact that since repeal we have more people boarding in jails, and more people employed in State penitentiaries, and a thousand more people in Federal prisons, than ever before in the history of our State or Nation.—J. W. Cammack, in Religious Herald.

The closing of Clarke College did not increase the attendance at our other Baptist colleges. Here's hoping we may learn something.

Dr. J. E. Byrd went last week to Mayo Brothers Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for treatment. His friends are remembering him in prayer.

Roger Babson says that whichever party elects a president this year is doomed to defeat four years hence, and he thinks we are headed toward fascism.

Pastor A. C. Parker has resigned at Petal-Harvey Church and has begun his work as pastor at Carrollton, Texas. He is taking work also in the Southwestern Seminary.

Is it not time for decent people to rise up and refuse to buy any articles offered by firms which employ indecent or inmodest pictures in advertising? Something will have to be done to stop the increasing display of nakedness in advertising.

Last year the women of Mississippi (the Baptist W. M. U.) gave \$12,000 for foreign missions as their Lottie Moon offering at Christmas time. This year their goal is \$14,000 and they are already sending out their literature. The goal for the Southern Baptist W. M. U. is \$250,000.

Since brother D. A. McCall assisted Pastor H. W. Shirley in a gracious meeting in McAllen, Texas, the work goes on gloriously. The pastor writes: "That last Sunday night did our church more good than you'll ever know. One or more received every service since the meeting. Great service this morning. There is more sign of life and activity right now throughout the church than for months." Brother Shirley was formerly pastor at Philadelphia, Miss.

The Winona Times of Oct. 23 gave a full page of that good paper to a history of the State Baptist Convention and of the Winona church in this centennial year. And it is well done. There are pictures of Pastor N. G. Hickman, Secretary R. B. Gunter and President D. M. Nelson, also of the Winona church building. The history of the church includes the account of the church's history written several years ago by Hon. Walter P. Trotter. The list of pastors includes many of the best known among Mississippi preachers. This page of the Times is worth preserving in any historical collection.

Dr. J. C. Greenoe, pastor at Trenton, Mo., died last week while attending the Missouri Baptist State Convention. It is said he was just finishing an able address on Home Missions when he lifted his hand and fell forward on the floor. The body was brought back to New Albany for burial, the service being conducted by Pastor J. P. Kirkland and Dr. R. B. Gunter. Dr. Greenoe was many years pastor of First Church, Vicksburg, and was used of the Lord in largely increasing the membership of the church. His widow and her two daughters survive him, and many whom his ministry has blessed join them in their grief.

Dr. F. M. McConnell, editor of the Baptist Standard, is one of the most level headed men we know. He has a way of saying sensible things in a way that any ordinary person can understand. He knows about the work of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is a part of what he says about how the Board takes care of those who adopt the annuity plan: "A pastor pays 3 per cent of his salary to the Relief and Annuity Board each month, or at other agreed intervals. The church pays the same amount to the said Board. That money is kept and invested and the income from it invested until the preacher is 65 years old. Then he has an income from the Board the rest of his life and need not fear want in his old age."

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The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, Texas, urgently requests laymen in each church who are responsible for the financial affairs of the local church to seek full information concerning the Board's pension plans. Write to Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary, Dallas, Texas.

Convention Board Department

R. B. GUNTER, Cor. Sec'y.

This one thing we do, pay our debts.

PLAN FOR REFUNDING INDEBTEDNESS

The Mississippi Baptist Convention in its last session requested its Board to submit to the coming session of the Convention this year a plan for refinancing the bonded indebtedness.

There has been diversity of opinion because some feel that the Five Thousand Club will offer the most satisfactory solution within a period of two years and that bondholders might prefer to be patient during this period of time rather than have any change made in the present schedule.

There was, however, a concensus of opinion among members of the Executive Committee that it might be well to issue \$100,000.00 worth of bonds at a lower rate of interest than that which the present outstanding bonds are bearing, make these bonds mature in 1947, which is the last maturity date for outstanding bonds, and with this \$100,000.00 take up bonds which are now past due amounting to approximately \$13,000.00, and \$29,000.00 worth which mature December 1st of this year and a little more than \$70,000.00 worth which mature December 1, 1937.

None of the \$100,000.00 received for refunding bonds to be issued would be applied on interest. Hence, by issuing these bonds there would be no increase in the indebtedness of the Convention.

This plan before becoming effective will have to be submitted first to the State Convention Board in its pre-convention session and then to the State Convention.

Mention is being made of the plan at this time because of a resolution which was introduced in the last session of the State Convention requesting that any plan which might be proposed should be published in the Baptist Record three weeks prior to the meeting of the State Convention this year.

As stated above, some opposition has been expressed to this suggested plan. All should, therefore, give it serious consideration in order that the Convention may arrive at the wisest conclusion.

TWO BRETHREN APPARENTLY RECOVERING

It was the writer's pleasure a few days ago, after having visited two associations during the day, to visit Dr. W. E. Farr in the Baptist Hospital at Memphis. Report had already gone out that Dr. J. D. Franks of Columbus had returned home. Consequently, no inquiry was made concerning him. It was learned later that he was still in the hospital, and it was our regret that we did not see him. A visit of something like an hour with Dr. Farr found him in better condition than was anticipated. It seemed that the doctors were encouraged and hope was held out that he would be able to return to his home by the 10th of November. He is demonstrating Christian fortitude and spirit. He said if earnest praying would result in his recovery that he had every reason to be hopeful.

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REPRESENTATION WITHOUT DONATION
Baptists have always been strong for freedom of conscience and freedom of speech. Every member of a Baptist church has a right to vote. Every messenger to a district association has a vote. Every messenger to a state convention has a vote and every messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention is entitled to vote, and one person's vote counts for as much as another.

But here is the point. Some who vote do so only to control the gifts and efforts of others, because such voters never give and never work for the causes for which the church, the associations and the conventions stand. Some who

vote but never give have the direction and full control of their own income, and then help to determine the use to be made of the other person's money, whose money makes possible the work of churches, associations and conventions. Such practice, though practiced and tolerated by Baptists, is dishonest and is as tyrannical as was taxation without representation.

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MISSION POINTS MOST GENEROUS OF ALL

The Sunday school of the Greenville Baptist Church is projecting its influence by establishing missions at different points in and about the city. Those constituting these missions have caught the mission spirit which the Greenville Sunday school is manifesting. This was evidenced when the mission at Lamont contributed on State Mission Day for our State Mission work \$4.50, the mission at Priscilla \$10.50 and the Chinese Mission at Greenville \$75.00. The Greenville Sunday school came in for a large part by giving \$165.00. Had all Sunday schools throughout the State given in proportion to these agencies, the State Mission Board could double its work for 1937.

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PROGRAM OF MISSISSIPPI STATE BAPTIST CONVENTION

November 17-19—Natchez, Mississippi

Tuesday Evening

- 7:00—Convention called to order by President.
- 7:05—Prayer and Praise Service, led by J. H. Street, Song Leader for Sessions of Convention.
- 7:15—Address of Welcome, by Mayor S. B. Laub for City, and L. A. Whittington for Church.
- 7:30—Response to Welcome, by J. H. Kyzar.
- 7:40—Special Music.
- 7:45—Organization of Convention—
 - 1. Election of Officers.
 - 2. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
 - 3. Announcement of Committee on Committees.
- 8:00—Introduction of Resolutions without Discussion.
- 8:10—General Announcements.
- 8:15—Convention Sermon, by Rev. Bryan Simmons.
- 9:00—Adjournment.

Wednesday Morning

- 9:00—Prayer and Praise, J. H. Street.
- 9:10—Reading of Journal.
- 9:15—Report of Committee on Committees.
- 9:25—Recognition of Visitors and New Pastors.
- 9:35—Convention Business:

- 1. Social Service Report—
 - (a) Baptist Hospital, Jackson (5 min.)—D. C. Simmons.
 - (b) Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, (5 min.)—W. T. Lowrey.
 - (c) Baptist Home for Children (5 min.)—W. G. Mize.
 - (d) Aged Ministers (5 min.)—C. J. Olander.
 - (e) Prohibition (5 min.)—P. I. Lipsey.
- 2. Convention Board Report (30 min.)—R. B. Gunter.
- 3. Report from Boards of Educational Institutions—
 - (a) Mississippi College (15 min.)—D. M. Nelson.
 - (b) Blue Mountain College (15 min.)—L. T. Lowrey.
 - (c) Mississippi Woman's College (15 min.)—W. E. Holcomb.
 - (d) Clarke College (15 min.)—C. Z. Holland.
- 11:30—Detailed Presentation of State Convention Obligations and Five Thousand Club—R. B. Gunter in Charge. Frank E. Skilton (20 min.)
- 12:30—Adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30-1:45—Praise Service—using the old hymns and songs.
- 1:45-2:15—Address, "A Century of Baptist Ex-

pansion in Mississippi"—Rev. J. L. Boyd, Vicksburg.

2:15-2:45—"Personalities and Epochs in Mississippi History"—Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton.

2:45-3:00—Spontaneous expression from any one present.

3:00-3:30—Address, "What Baptists Stand For"—Dr. M. O. Patterson, Clinton.

3:30-4:00—Address, "A Vision For The Coming Century"—Dr. R. B. Gunter, Jackson.

Wednesday Evening

7:00—Devotional Period.

7:20—Report on Woman's Work—Mrs. Ned Rice.

7:30—Mission Reports:

- 1. Home Missions—W. A. Hewitt, (10 min.)
- 2. Foreign Missions—W. E. Holcomb, (10 min.)

7:50—Special Music.

8:10—Address on Home Missions—Rev. Joe Burton.

8:40—Address on Foreign Missions—Rev. Claud Bowen.

9:10—Miscellaneous Business and Adjournment.

Thursday Morning

9:00—Prayer and Praise.

9:10—Reading of Journal.

9:20—Baptist Record—P. I. Lipsey and A. L. Goodrich.

9:45—Sunday School Department—Address by J. E. Byrd and John L. Hill.

10:05—Baptist Training Union Department—A. J. Wilds.

10:20—Seminaries:

- 1. Baptist Bible Institute, (10 min.)—Dr. W. W. Hamilton, or representative.
- 2. Southwestern Seminary, (10 min.)—Dr. H. E. Dana.
- 3. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, (10 min.)—Dr. G. S. Dobbins.

11:00—Hundred Thousand Club — Dr. Austin Crouch.

11:25—Address, "The Challenge of the Future"—Judge J. W. McCall.

12:00—Report of Committees.

12:15—Miscellaneous Business and Adjournment.

Submitted:

Committee on Order of Business,
J. W. Mayfield
W. A. Sullivan
H. M. King
T. M. Fleming
M. P. L. Love

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Dr. T. F. Harvey will preach in the revival meeting in First Church, Hattiesburg, Nov. 8-15. Mr. Otis Thompson well known in Mississippi will have charge of the singing.

The Word and Way of Missouri published in full the address of Dr. J. C. Greenoe on Home Missions at the close of which the speaker fell on the platform and expired immediately.

Rev. O. A. Eure of Ellisville brought his little son to the Baptist Hospital in Jackson Monday, suffering with erysipelas, and running high temperature. He would be glad for you to join him in prayer for his recovery.

F. E. Smith of Augusta, Ga., has been called to the pastorate of First Church, Greenville, according to report of the daily press. If he accepts the call, Mississippi Baptists will give him a hearty welcome.

Pastor Otho A. Eure says that this week Ellisville church is conducting a training school for B. T. U. workers. There are three classes among the Seniors, one in the B. A. U. department, and one in the Intermediate.

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Every church is urgently requested to take one "Fellowship Offering" each year at the celebration of the Lord's Supper for aged ministers' relief. Surely this is not an unreasonable request and it will do wonders if accomplished. Offering should be sent through regular channels marked "Designated, Fellowship Offering." The Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Texas..

THE TOWN OF RULEVILLE

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In the early nineties a postoffice was established here, and Ruleville selected as its name. John Rule was the first postmaster, and served in this capacity for many years. One of the big events in the community was the arrival of the weekly mail from Cleveland.

About this time Major Chester H. Pond of New York City moved to the little town of Moorhead. He was a man of vision, aggressive, and with considerable capital. He conceived the idea of building a branch railroad from Moorhead north to act as a feeder to the already established Georgia Pacific System from Columbus to Greenville. He immediately went to work to interest northern and eastern capitalists in this project. Success crowned his efforts and the work of building was pushed forward.

What a moment in the history of this section when the first "Choo-choo" steamed in. The curious rustics came to town for miles around to see this powerful iron monster. Truly a new era of progress had arrived. Ruleville remained the northern terminal of this branch for several years, then the Y. & M. V. system bought the branch and extended it to Tutwiler. This line has been called the Yellow Dog from its initials Y. D. standing for Yazoo Delta.

With the coming of the railroad, the community called Ruleville grew in leaps and bounds. So rapid was the increase that in May 1899 there were enough male voters for Ruleville to be chartered a village. All of this time there had been a gradual gravitation of the population from the settlement on the Sunflower River to the strategic point of new transportation. The railroad also brought new paradise seekers, and in July 1905 the charter of the village of Ruleville was amended to read the Town of Ruleville. The first mayor was W. G. Barner, still a prominent merchant of the town. Other early mayors, according to some old citizens, were Stigler, Campbell, Scearcy, Wiley, and Shelton.

Among the pioneer merchants of the town will be found the names of Jake Levingston, W. G. Barber, M. Bindursky, C. V. Campbell, and Frank McBride. The rapid growth of the new town and the pressing need of better financial facilities caused local men to organize the Bank of Ruleville in 1903. Another was organized a short time after, but could not stand the test of the early days. The streets of the town were nothing but dirt, and old settlers recount that in the winter a four mule team has been seen to bog down with an empty wagon. The demands of the years, however, have resulted in all of the streets being graveled. Then, too, when the road from Ruleville to Drew was paved, this hard surface was put right through the main street of the town. The old hitching rack in the center of the business section has given place to a beautiful park. Many business firms have been added through the years, and today they are all doing a splendid business. At first the school was only a little cabin, but now it is one of the best in the Delta. The town boasts of a nice Community Home, a pretty little City Hall and Fire Department. One of the worst setbacks in the history of the town was the cyclone of 1913.

The present officers are: A. L. Pentecost, mayor (about 16 years); H. Lee Herring, clerk (17 years); Van Long, marshal; L. B. Jones, street and water; J. W. Hanna, night marshal; W. J. Lusk, V. R. Burnham, Tom Dulaney, Hyman Turner, and C. J. Pittman, aldermen; E. O. Ward, C. W. Beck, Herman Moore, H. W. Hart, and C. L. Smith, school trustees.

A noble heritage predicts a greater Ruleville.

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ADVANTAGES OF RULEVILLE AND COMMUNITY

By T. L. Turner

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The advantages of Ruleville and community to the man seeking a home in the Delta, a land flowing with milk and honey, are many.

Ruleville is almost in the center of the county,

and about twenty miles from the county site, Indianola, but good roads made that only a matter of thirty to forty-five minutes. The town is situated in one of the richest portions of the Delta, on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad, and on Highway 49-W, a direct route from Memphis to Jackson and on to the Gulf Coast.

The soil, in and around the community, is as fertile as that of the River Nile, and is as good land as a crow ever flew over. Every field, farm or garden product of other states can be satisfactorily grown in its rich soil. Corn, if given the needed attention, can produce as high as from 50 to 80 bushels to the acre. Our money crop, cotton, the long staple variety, is always a sure crop, but fluctuates in yield according to weather conditions. Where land is well tended and not allowed to wear out, it produces on one acre from one-half to two bales of cotton. We do not mean by this that all the land will produce two bales to the acre, but we do know that many of the farms around this territory produces as much as one bale to the acre. The plantation owners are all fine men, giving to their servants, or tenants, just rewards for their services.

In fact, we can describe our land by Holy Writ: "For the Lord, thy God, bringeth thee unto a good land, a land of brooks and water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills. A land of wheat and barley, and vines, and fig trees, of pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness; thou shalt not lack anything in it . . . When thou hath eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord, thy God, for the good land, which he hath given thee."

"What do I consider the nearest approximation of happiness of which the present human nature is capable? Why, living on a farm, which is one's own, far from the hectic, artificial conditions of the city—a farm which one gets directly from one's own soil what one needs to sustain life, with a garden in front and a healthy, normal family to contribute those small domestic joys which relieve a man from business strain," says Thomas Edison, and such a farm near our town, we believe, can be purchased.

In our own pretty little town of Ruleville, there are located five gins, and this season, up to October 1st, they had ginned 6,840 bales, the cottonseed price ranging from \$40.00 to \$47.00 per ton; and also a large compress which the last statement on September 30th, inclusive, shows has received 15,076 bales, shipped 7,161 bales and has on hand 7,161 bales.

After visiting the gins and compress, let me take you on a short trip over our little city. We'll first go to the City Park, which was started some ten years ago by the ladies of the 20th Century Club and which, at that time, was a large low place, almost a mud-hole. Today it is one of the most beautiful parks in all the state, with beautiful shrubbery, a fish pool and a pergola, and in it are many shade trees and some six pecan trees.

We now will walk by the Ice Plant, one of the best plants in the Delta, with a large daily output of ice. We go from there to the Sadie Marshall Community Home, a beautiful building erected by the Ruleville Community Club at a cost of something above \$6,000.00. It is free for the asking to use for meetings and entertainments, having a large auditorium with stage. Hon. A. L. Marshall gave the lot and also generously contributed to the building, and it was named in memory of his wife who passed away several years before the erection of the building. The Rotary Club meets there every Thursday at noon and its members, during the year 1927, each gave \$100.00 for its erection. It also contains the Ruleville Library. This latter will move into the new Stansel Memorial Building, which is to be erected the coming year as a memorial to our statesman, the late Speaker of the House of Representatives, Horace S. Stansel.

We now will take a journey to our school buildings, all of which are illustrated in this

issue of the Record. First we enter the Primary School, an elegant and well planned brick building, erected some five years ago, at a cost of \$26,000.00. Thence to the Grammar School erected several years ago at a cost of some \$40,000.00. This building while large enough for the purpose back some twenty years ago, became too crowded as the town grew in population, and the town, with the help from the Government, erected one of the handsomest and prettiest high school buildings in the state, its auditorium having a seating capacity of 1,000. It is a modern, up-to-date building with every requirement necessary for a growing and thriving town.

Being tired and hungry, we walk now to the new Magnolia Hotel, where we sit down to as fine a dinner as can be cooked and eaten anywhere on the face of the globe. Being refreshed, we again go on a visit. Across the street we see the Methodist Church, which we enter. It is a handsome building, and comfortable. Across the street is the City Hall, the Fire Station and the calaboose, the latter staying empty nearly all the time.

We then journey down the street and enter the Christian Church. This is a small church, well kept, and while its membership is small, it still has a most interesting Sunday school.

About three hundred feet up the street there sits the majestic Baptist Church, two stories high, a modern building erected in 1927, in a beautiful grove of hickory and oak trees.

Being time to turn in as the evening shades are falling, we hie ourselves to the New Ruleville Hotel—one of the finest buildings of its kind in the Delta. It is elegantly furnished, with modern improvements, where we spent the night, sleeping on a comfortable bed.

So much for our trip around town, to say nothing of our visiting the two banks, the many dry goods and mercantile and two drug stores and the printing office.

The town has a large Community Club membership, a Twentieth Century Club, a Woman's Club and a Parent-Teacher's Organization will be perfected within a few days.

Now, as to the town, the citizens are the salt of the earth, each individual attending to his own business, and letting the business of the other fellow alone. The town has no gossipers, those who like to loll under their tongues any ugly story that may be told on the street.

In closing, we wish to state that the town has some three or four artesian wells, and the water for the town is taken from deep artesian well, and has been pronounced pure. It is a very clear and palatable water.

If you are seeking a home in a good town and good churches and the best of schools, we invite you to come and see—the key is on the outside to all comers.

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1906— RULEVILLE SCHOOLS —1936
By Dr. J. A. Clark

The trustees have accepted the recently completed \$60,000.00 High School building. This building with the Primary and Junior High buildings give Ruleville one of the best school plants in the Delta, with ample facilities to care for 1,000 students and enrich the curricula to a marked degree. The new structure has an auditorium, with a seating capacity for 1,000, a large library and study hall, well appointed Vocational Home Economics and Agriculture Departments, Physical and Chemical laboratories, and a Commercial Arts Department, together with nine class rooms and a large enclosed athletic field with stadium.

This beautiful building, with its modern equipment, seems a far cry from the little one-teacher school of 30 years ago. The school, at that time, was housed in an old cabin, so dilapidated that no one would live in it, situated on the lot now occupied by the handsome brick home of J. C. Wilson, and the student body was composed of 12 or 15 children.

In 1907 the trustees employed a young lady teacher of such poise, dignity of bearing and good looks that the interest in the school was

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immediately apparent. The community, as a whole, seemed to feel that she deserved better quarters than the old shack, so under the guise of a newly awakened interest in the public school, three hopeful bachelors of the town led the fight for a new building and proceeded to draw up plans for a 3-room frame structure. Some thought the plan too ambitious, but nothing daunted, the three persisted and by dint of hard work took up collections of anything that could be used; day's work, rough lumber, from the surrounding mills, roofing, nails and a little money.

Mrs. Maude Rule donated the lot where the Junior High School now stands and on this lot, the building was erected. It was completed about Thanksgiving Day of that year and a big bird supper was given at the Ruleville Hotel to raise money for desks and equipment. The young nimrods of the town supplied about 250 quails and the ladies arranged a delectable feast, from which the net proceeds was about \$140.00. The supplies were purchased and the school launched on a period of remarkable growth. The enrollment increased rapidly, and in four or five years, the building was crowded, the three teachers were over-worked and clamoring for more space.

On March 20th, 1913, a cyclone hit the town and demolished the school building, among many other buildings. A movement was soon started to issue bonds for \$12,500.00 to erect and equip a brick school building, but it was a period of mild depression, owing to the late Balkan Wars and the then tension in European affairs. So many citizens of the town opposed the spending of such a large sum for schools that the estimates were revised and the town board finally authorized an election for a \$9,000.00 bond issue. By a hard fight, the election was won by the narrow margin of three votes.

The first brick school building was erected in 1914 and consisted of six class rooms and an assembly room, or auditorium. This was a great deal more space than was needed at the time, but the trustees thought that they were taking care of the need of the school for many years to come. Immediately, on the completion of this building, interest in the school took on a new life and in the next seven years, the building was crowded to the over-flow point and the school people found it necessary in 1922 to call for a bond issue of \$35,000.00 for the purpose of greatly enlarging the school building, buying new land for the school grounds and erecting a superintendent's home. It is interesting to note the change in the attitude of the town, for there were only three negative votes on this bond issue.

The trustees thought that this would surely take care of the school growth for many years, but by 1928 the school was again crowded. Another bond issue was called for, in the sum of \$30,000.00, by this time the attitude of the town was that if the trustees of the school needed \$30,000.00, there was nothing to do but furnish it, so the bonds were voted almost unanimously and this money was used to erect a Primary school building, consisting of seven rooms, but owing to the rapidly increasing white population in the surrounding territory, the school was again crowded out in less than one year.

The trustees were once more faced with the problem of expansion and after a careful study of the situation, decided that it would take a large High school building to meet the requirements, but the depression held that up for five years. It was not until 1935 that the building program was finally launched. The town issued bonds in the sum of \$35,000.00, and received a PWA grant of \$27,000.00. This enabled them to erect the new building which has just been accepted, and of which the town feels justly proud.

Addenda:

Three members of the Board of Trustees, noble minded citizens of great public spirit, who have been vitally in contact with the progress of the school from its early years until the present realization of a long coveted dream are Dr. J.

A. Clark, Jake Livingston, and H. Lee Herring.
—Rev. W. A. Bell.

RULEVILLE P.T.A.
By Mrs. Janie Robison

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The Parent-Teacher Association has been very appropriately described as the gang-plank connecting the homes of the children with the boat of Knowledge on the Sea of Life. The parents, through joining hands with the teachers, form a guard-rail to protect the children from falling off, because of discouragement, misunderstandings, and unfortunate circumstances.

If "by their fruits ye shall know them" be applied to the Ruleville P.T.A., which was organized April 14, 1919, with Mrs. C. E. Weir as the first president, we find much fruit has been produced, for it has always stood for the best interests and done much for the children and the school of this town.

From the records we find the physical, mental, and moral development of the younger generation of both town and country have been greatly benefited by this organization.

One of the first tasks was the buying and installing of playground equipment, which is still a source of great pleasure to the children. Through their efforts all of the children were given physical examination, so the recreation and physical questions were both considered by this P.T.A. in its early days; and today we see the same work carried on through pre-school clinics and examinations in cooperation with the county health unit.

In those early years, the library and library furnishings were not neglected; the affiliation of the school was another question advanced, and on down through the years, the connection of the parents and teachers has resulted in much more effective work than could have been done otherwise. The record of the boys and girls who have gone out from our school will testify to the type of work done.

Interest in the moral welfare has been manifested in efforts to provide better shows, clean and wholesome literature, and entertainments for the youths.

This short review gives only a few of the high points of the work accomplished by the Ruleville P.T.A. The membership has never been so large but it has made up in quality for lack in number. The help it has given the teachers would be difficult to estimate, and its mission, as the connecting link between the teacher and child is greater still.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB AND THE PARK
By Mrs. Oscar Livingston

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The Twentieth Century Club was organized in 1922 for the purpose of having the young married ladies and young girls of the town meet once a month for a social.

We began with a membership of twenty. Some of the charter members are as follows: Mrs. J. P. Broadstreet, Misses Billy and Clementine Brown, Mesdames T. M. Dulaney, V. Burke, W. B. Davis, J. Dulaney, H. W. Hart, O. H. Livingston, W. J. Lusk, C. Beck, R. Hays, M. Norwood, and J. Saddler.

As time progressed we decided to change our club to a civic and literary club. Our one aim was to beautify the square, at that time it was an eye-sore to the town. It served as a place for the country people to "park" their horses and mules, when they came to town to do their shopping.

In 1925 the president and vice-president of the club went to the mayor (Mr. A. L. Pentecost) of the town and asked if they would help us to plant shrubs and trees on the square. They readily consented, so our work began.

We secured a landscape gardener to draw the plans for us, and it was a thrill of a lifetime when we had our first planting. Since then we have added shrubs and flowers each year to the park, also a lily and fish pool, and a pergola. The town furnishes the labor and the club has a

committee of five ladies to supervise the work.

Our club also has a good literary section; our programs are varied and very interesting.

We are a hundred per cent for the town of Ruleville.

RULEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
By Rev. W. A. Bell

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There was lots of talk in those days about a railroad being put through the country to strike this part of the Delta at a town named Ruleville. Slowly the folks gravitated from the Olive Branch center to the one which gave great promise of building. With this gravitation, and the gradual coming of new families, Ruleville waked up to find itself in urgent need of a Baptist church. In answer, therefore, to the challenge seventeen people met in the Methodist church in the year 1903, and under the leadership of Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett organized the Ruleville Baptist Church. There are only three of these seventeen now living: Mrs. Mattie Taylor, Ruleville; Mrs. J. E. Mann, Cleveland; and Mrs. Tom Lloyd, Durant.

The Baptist congregation met in the Methodist church for a while, the preaching days being at different times. The Sunday school was a union one. Gradually, however, the Baptists gained strength and felt the need of a building of their own. It was soon completed and worship services started immediately. The next step was the organization of a Baptist Sunday school.

This church has engaged in varied but ever growing work under the wise leadership of the following pastors: Hewlett, Hill, Cox, Reese, Mayfield, McKee, Hughes, Cox, Phelps, Wilkerson, Blalock, Jarman, and Bell.

A pastorum was built in February 1914. In 1919 Mr. Joe Curry, looking toward the day when a new building would be needed, gave to the church eighty acres of fine Delta land. This land was afterwards sold and the proceeds put into the present house of worship.

In 1927, Father Time having taken his toll on the frame building, a handsome brick plant was erected. The following persons acted on the building committee: Rev. G. S. Jarman, Mrs. H. E. McClurg, Mrs. Mattie Taylor, Prof. D. R. Patterson, Dr. C. J. Pittman, Horace Stansel, and Ernest Mann. The plant when completed and equipped cost twenty-six thousand dollars. The first worship service in it was held November 6, 1927.

The following are the officers of the Ruleville Baptist Church: Pastor, Rev. W. A. Bell; Chairman of Deacons, J. R. Wales; Chairman Brotherhood Enlistment Committee, Dr. W. J. Lusk; Clerk, T. L. Turner; Treasurer Local Receipts and Benevolences, W. E. Curry; Treasurer Building Fund, J. R. Wales; Choir Director, Mrs. S. A. Thompson; Pianist, Mrs. J. R. McAlister; Superintendent of Sunday School, H. Lee Herring; Director B. T. U., Prof. E. E. McCool; President W. M. U., Mrs. H. Lee Herring.

This church started with seventeen members, but has steadily grown in the thirty-three years of its history to one of nearly three hundred. It began with quarter-time, but in 1908 Mr. J. R. Wales initiated a movement for half-time which has issued today in full-time, this full-time being of about eight years duration. The church has a live W. M. U., leading all of the W. M. U.'s in this district last year in the gift to the Lottie Moon Offering. The Sunday school is doing good work; its attendance is on the increase, and it has a splendid Worker's Council. The B. T. U. is composed of a good general organization and Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Adult unions. It is now engaged in beginning a Story Hour which will complete the organization. The attendance in all departments of the church have shown an increase this year.

The decline of life has begun—prepare to meet it. How? By participating in one of the old age security plans of The Relief and Annuity Board. Request information from Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary, Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Texas.

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Every woman who had a part in the White Cross boxes sent to Chengchow Baptist Hospital in 1935 will be happy to read this letter from Mrs. Ayers. We rejoice to have had a part in the reopening of this hospital.

It is unusual to have two letters from our Mississippi missionaries at the same time. I know you will read them with interest.

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Miss Fannie Traylor,
Dear Miss Traylor:

We have just celebrated our first year of work in the Chengchow Baptist Hospital with a birthday party in which all the staff and workers participated.

After the feast, which in all probability you would have thought a strange birthday dinner, we had a little get-together meeting where every fellow spoke as he desired. It was most interesting to hear various members of the force tell first impressions of this place. Most of them seemed vastly impressed with the amount of grass that was growing about the place—even in the gateways and right up to the doors of the buildings. They all took time to mention too the countless numbers of things we did not have, and the long time we were in getting some of them. Practically every one who spoke told what the arrival of the White Cross boxes from Mississippi meant. We truly believe that was the turning point in our year's work—the event that gave us a forward look. From that time on we had something to work with in preparing wards, rooms, etc. We cannot begin to express our gratitude to the women of Mississippi who donated those six big boxes of linens, pajamas, pins, powder, soap, etc. My office window looks out upon the courtyard where the laundry is hung to dry, and daily I say to myself, "Those are Mississippi pajamas, sheets and bedspreads hanging out there—expressions of love and encouragement from my own homefolks." We didn't have even one bedspread when your boxes arrived and only a very few sheets. We are operating forty beds now, and we have had to buy a few supplementary supplies. Perhaps that will give you an idea of the need you supplied.

I am attaching herewith a brief report of our work for the year we have been here. I thought you might like to see it. We are beginning the new year on the note of praise and encouragement sounded by our helpers at the close of our year. Please continue to pray for us. We long for the hospital to be continuously used as an agent for relieving suffering, prolonging life and saving souls.

Winnie B. Ayers (Mrs. S. E. Ayers)

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Chengchow Baptist Hospital
Sept. 25, 1935—Sept. 25, 1936

Total New Clinic Patients—

Chengchow	2,135
Kaifeng	391
Si Swei	46
 Total	 2,572
Returned patients—	
Chengchow	3,228
Kaifeng	553
 Total	 3,781
Vaccinations (Not included in above)—	
Chengchow	598
Kaifeng	163
 Total	 761
Total clinic calls	7,114
Total home calls	255

Total in-patients—401—Estimated hospital days at 14 days per patient.... 5,614

TOTAL TREATMENTS 12,983

Note: Part of the time we have had only four beds, and part of the time sixteen beds. After May 1936 we had approximately fifty beds. The formal opening of the hospital took place in May, but the clinic was opened in September 1935, and arrangements made for caring for an extremely limited number of in-patients.

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Pingtu, Shantung, China

My dear friends in the homeland:

I am due letters to many of you and know you will let me take this method of writing to you. The many letters, the telegrams, the flowers, the gifts which you sent to cheer me along the way were indeed gratefully received. How thankful I am that I can again be one of your representatives in this needy land. You each, and those of us whom you have sent forth, will be workers together with Him in these white harvest fields. So thankful that you stand back of us in prayers and in every way.

Four weeks ago today I reached my China home. Our party of 12 Southern Baptist missionaries, and many missionaries of other boards had a peaceful voyage on the good ship President Jackson. While you were sweltering in August heat we were wearing our heavy coats. The northern route across the Pacific was cold and foggy but calm and restful. Since I was somewhat jaded the days of rest and relaxation were welcomed.

It is indeed good to be settled in my own station again. The welcome from both Chinese and missionaries was warm and heart-melting.

After more than two years I have come back into the warmth of Shantung Revival, now in its sixth year. There is an earnestness and fervor which fills one with a deep yearning for a closer walk with Him. The very presence of Christ is felt in our midst. People coming into prayer meetings drop to their knees and there remain in prayer and praise until the first hymn is announced. Surely the worship is in spirit and in truth. It is good to look into the faces of some who had gone so deep in sin and see their transformed faces. Some of these had been avowed infidels, some had sunk deep in black sin, some had taken public oath never to let the name of Jesus pass their lips, and then our Father in mercy sent His Holy Spirit in great power and hearts were made new. Now after five years, some more, some less, these faces still shine because of Him who dwells so abundantly within.

To these earnest ones "the fields are still white to harvest" and the great commission still says "go ye". Singly and in bands they seek the lost. Last Sunday we witnessed 20 buried with Christ in baptism in the local church here, this making the number 55 for the year. I haven't the number for our 34 churches of this county. There are numbers of churches that meet daily for Bible study and prayer, and many Christians who want their lives daily in everything to be lived so as to glorify His name.

Pray for us, for the multitudes are still in darkness. Pray that many may be saved. Pray that our lives be wholly dedicated to Him.

Very sincerely, and gratefully your missionary,

Pearl Caldwell.
P. O. Box 32, Harbin, Manchuria,
October 1, 1936.

Dear co-laborers in Christ:
As we pass from summer into the fall ac-

tivities our minds are of you there and of the work and needs on this side. Having just been to Hailar, on the northwestern reaches of Manchuria, not far from the Mongolian and Siberian frontiers, we are reminded of Ninevah, as it lies on a plain swept by shifting sands—wicked, and without God. No city its size in Manchuria has so few native Christians. Gambling and opium-smoking are so rampant that they seem to be the principal business. During the past three years the use of opium there and throughout Manchuria has doubled, it is claimed. One's heart is made sick at this and other forms of evil in that, the principal city and provincial capital of that whole northwest region. Hailar already has a population of fifteen thousand souls—Chinese, Russians, Japanese, Koreans and mongols—and is growing rapidly with the construction of a new railway, extension of motor lines, an increase in cattle raising and farming, and the opening of new industries. Our little group of five believers just baptized there, the small preaching hall and a lay evangelist constitute the extent of God's work among the 8,000 Manchurians (Chinese) of that important city. This and four other centers of that large area call for another evangelist, a Bible woman and money for an adequate preaching hall. Do you wonder that our hearts long that such needs be properly met?

While returning from the evangelistic trip just made to Hailar we visited three other places. At one eleven were baptized; at another thirteen. In still another town we preached for the first time among the 2,000 Manchurians there. Tracts distributed in every place of business were well received, and the school house was filled to overflowing with interested listeners. The leading business man, a Mr. Ku, chairman of the chamber of commerce, said: "We have hoped long that someone would come to preach to us. I am convinced that Christ has brought the only way of salvation, and I want to follow Him." Mr. Ku entertained us in his home. He with others begged that we send an evangelist there, offering to provide entertainment and to furnish a place for evangelistic meetings. But the only evangelist of that whole northwest is Mr. Chang of Hailar. Good evangelists, seminary graduates, can be had, but salaries must come from abroad for new, pioneer work.

The most notable event of this past summer was our Bible Conference, held in the new Harbin Baptist Church building, attended by a hundred earnest Christians from twenty-five centers outside Harbin, some coming four hundred miles; all meetings well attended and the church (seating five hundred) crowded at night. The Spirit of God was present in power. Repentance; reconsecration; great fervency in prayer; increased zeal; deeper love for God, His Word and lost souls characterized the meetings, at every one of which the audience broke forth in audible prayer, resembling the voice of many waters. The outside speakers, Rev. C. L. Culpepper and Miss Hou Hsiu-Ying from Shantung, brought deep spiritual messages in their Bible teaching. Every one of the pastors and evangelists were present and all the Bible women but one. These, also workers of other groups, lay men and women all went back to their homes and work greatly blessed. The Conference was all we could have hoped for. The railways and river steamship lines granted reduced fares. Our hope is that God will make possible such a Conference next year.

Charles A. and Evelyn C. Leonard.
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By R. L. BRELAND

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
(Neshoba County)

This old church, located at Beech Springs in the southwestern part of Neshoba County, is 100 years old. According to Rev. N. L. Clarke, one of the pioneer Baptist preachers of this part of the state, Ebenezer Baptist Church was organized in 1836: "The first Baptist Church organized in east Mississippi." I was pastor of this old church for a number of years but was not able to secure very much information as to its early days.

Brother Clarke tells us that the church was organized by Rev. Shadrach Jones, perhaps the first Baptist preacher to live in Neshoba County. The names of the charter members could not be secured as the old records of the church were lost or destroyed. Among the pastors who have served the church were Elders Shadrach Jones, its first pastor, Lee P. Murrell, J. M. Moore, J. J. Ingram, F. M. Breland, R. L. Breland, J. E. McCraw and others.

According to the best information obtainable the church is at a low ebb at this writing. The Baptist families have moved from that section and there has been very little preaching there for some time. Efforts are now being made to have regular preaching services there and endeavor to keep the work alive so that the first church organized in this part of the state will continue to function. May it be so.

One of the leading members of this church for many years, as long as he lived, was "Uncle" Johnnie McKee, an Irishman, who located there in the early days and was likely one of the charter members. He and his good wife were faithful and kept the church work going as long as they were able. After their going it began to wane. May something be done to save the organization of this church which for a century has kept the torch burning, though dimly at times, for the Master.

S. S. ATTENDANCE NOV. 1ST.	
Jackson, First Church	844
Jackson, Calvary Church	882
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	518
Jackson, Parkway Church	226
Jackson, Northside Church	95
Columbus, First Church	517
Laurel, First Church	468
Laurel, West Laurel Church	503
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church	252
Laurel, Wausau Church	51
Mt. Oral Church (Jones Co.)	96
Beulah Church (Jones Co.)	44
Springfield Baptist Church	171

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Jackson, Calvary Church	221
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	260
Jackson, Parkway Church	50
Jackson, Northside Church	40
Columbus, First Church	187
Laurel, First Church	145
Laurel, West Laurel Church	222
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church	64
Mt. Oral Church (Jones Co.)	64
Springfield Baptist Church	58
Clarksdale Baptist Church	123

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This institution was organized in the early hours of the town of Ruleville in the year 1903 on February 2. Its incorporators were W. P. Holland, E. L. Anderson, C. W. King, and W. H. Reed. The authorized capital stock was \$50,000, paid in \$25,000, earned \$25,000.

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Laurel, West Laurel Church	192

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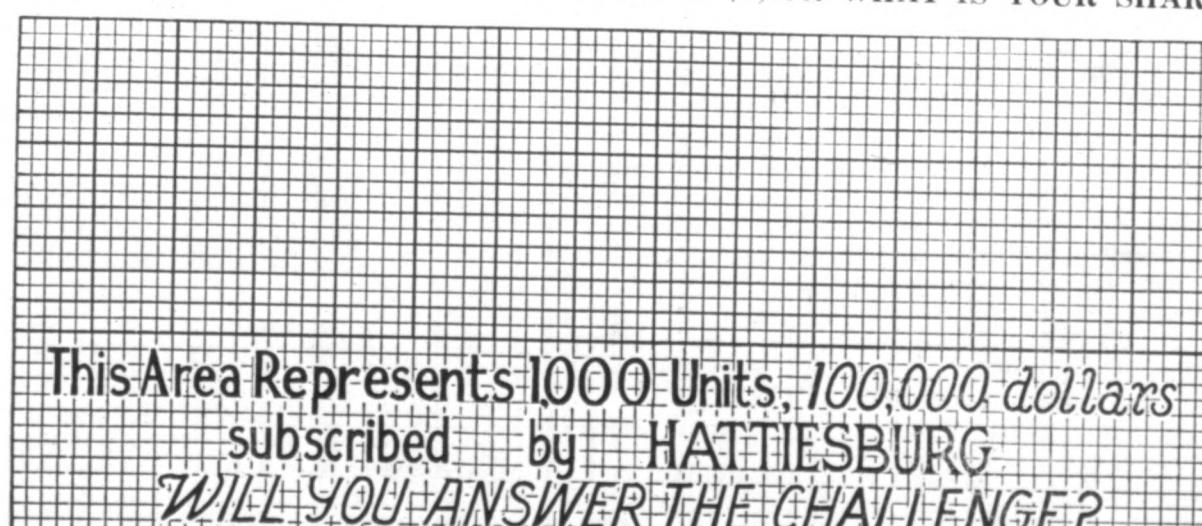
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Prepared by
L. BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson for November 8

The Christian Will To World War

Text: Acts 19; Ephesians 6:13-20.

Christian warfare is a warfare, do not mistake that. It is a warfare the most strenuous and subtle and dangerous. "Our struggle is not against blood and flesh; but against the principalities, against the authorities, against the world-holders, of this darkness; against the spiritual (forces) of evil in the heavenlies" (Eph. 6:12. Rotherham). But "Our struggle" is a struggle into which our Master has thrust us. "The Son of God goes forth to war," and He "will never call retreat," from the field whereon He has engaged the forces of evil. Our calling is to contest with the evil, unto conflict with the spiritual forces of darkness. We may not make compromise with wrong, if the Spirit of the Lord has place and play with us. That Holy Spirit everywhere challenges the spirit of evil to combat, disputes the right of the evil to hold one soul in thrall, and peals out His demand for truceless war, to which the spirits of the men whom He has touched and transformed respond with rejoicing and jubilation.

In the chapter which forms the text of our study today we have a continuation of the story of the doings of Paul. We have followed him in his journeyings from the day when the Lord apprehended him upon the Damascus road, smote him with physical blindness that he might have the eyes of his heart enlightened, set his feet upon the holy warpath, and led him far thence unto the Gentiles. And I am anxious for myself that I shall not see Paul merely and alone. I want to see him only as the agent of His Lord, girded, guided, propelled, compelled, strengthened, by the Spirit of the Lord. I want to perceive the mind of Christ in Paul, the Spirit of Jesus indwelling Paul and enduing Paul so that it is no longer Paul that lives but Christ that lives in Paul, and Paul working out his own salvation, because Paul's salvation is the purpose of God for Paul and because God is working in Paul both to purpose and to do what shall please God. Come, then! Let us watch Paul run as not uncertainly, and fight as not beating the air.

I. COMPLETING A TRIUMPH INCOMPLETE. (Acts 19:1-7).

"Did ye receive the Holy Spirit when ye believed?" (v. 2) This question Paul asked of some twelve disciples whom he found at Ephesus. No reason is given for his asking this question, but it seems to me reasonable to suppose that Paul perceived something lacking in these men. They were honest, sincere, but there was something lacking, something of fire, something of emotion, oh, the something that is always lacking in the man who has not the Spirit.

The answer the men gave at once showed Paul the source and seriousness of their lack. This was

ignorance, ignorance of the truth, ignorance of the True One. Paul instructed them in the truth and introduced them to the True One. Paul knew both. These men had been lifted to the plane upon which their former teacher stood, but they had been lifted no higher. Their former teacher could lift them no higher than the plane of knowledge upon which he stood. Paul had ascended to a plane and so was able to lift these men up. Aren't there just multitudes of people in the churches who suffer from the lack which afflicted these friends at Ephesus? men who know not the truth of the gospel in its fulness? Men into whom God has had no medium through which to pour the fulness of His Spirit? Or does God need a medium? Yes, an enlightened mind and a surrendered heart, or you may have the other way around, if you please, and say, "A surrendered heart and an enlightened mind." And, ah! how expedient it is to have the teacher as a humble servant of the Teacher! "How shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" But if the preacher does not himself know, he can not lead men into the fullness of the knowledge of Christ.

II. GRAPPLING WITH EVIL IN EPHESUS (Vv. 8-20).

This paragraph speaks of two periods in Paul's work in Ephesus: first, a period of three months, during which he reasoned in the synagogue; secondly, a period of two years, during which he reasoned in the school of Tyrannus. We have in our Bible record here of Paul's entering the synagogue; of the opposition of the hardened and disobedient who heard him there; of his turning from them to the school of Tyrannus; of his continuing there for two years, reasoning and teaching; of the sounding forth of the Word through all Proconsular Asia; of those special and marvelous manifestations of miraculous power, the mastery over evil spirits; and of the attempt at imitation on the part of certain Jewish exorcists, with the central special illustration of the defeat of those men in the case of the sons of Sceva. Luke is here pretending to give no detailed account of the two years of Paul's ministry, but is taking certain leading incidents to bring the reader to a recognition of the difficulties encountered and the triumphs of the Word of God in Ephesus.

Please let us note that Paul lingered longest where the difficulties were greatest. He did not tarry long in Athens, Athens was dead, lacking alike in virile opposition to the gospel and in enthusiasm

tic reception of it. But from Ephesus he wrote to Corinth, "A great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (I Cor. 16:9). In Corinth he had battled tirelessly and for a long while: here in Ephesus, he did the same thing. The difficulties of his situation created the greatness of his opportunity. The difficulties were in themselves aids to his preaching. The "adversaries" were compelled to contribute to the victory.

Ephesus was like Corinth a great commercial city. The ways of the world met there. It was an older city than Corinth, and, therefore, more wicked. Everything which was for sale anywhere in the world was to be had for money in Ephesus.

The congregated pollutions of the world were found here, refined and made more terrible by the background of unsanctified culture which homed itself in this city. Here was the temple of Diana, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, a temple which was not being neglected, but which was always thronged with a multitude of worshippers, wealthy, profoundly religious, with a religion which was worse than an utter absence of it.

Into this great wealthy, wicked city, Paul came. Notice his equipment. He had the gospel of the Lord Jesus. He believed it with all his heart. He believed with all the strength of his life that in the preaching of the gospel lay his only means of reaching and saving men from sin, and that in the hearing and reception of the gospel and the Christ of the gospel lay the sad world's only hope of salvation from sin. Notice his method. Here in Ephesus he determined to earn his living. He wrought with His own hands for his support (Acts 20:34), in order that no man might accuse

him of mercenary motives in preaching the gospel. Here he reasoned in the synagogue, and when this was closed to him by the opposition of those who resorted there, he separated the disciples from the opponents and led them to the school of Tyrannus, where he continued to reason with them for two whole years. His sphere of activities was bounded largely by the city, but out from the city went his students to the whole region round about until it would be said, "All who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord" (Acts 19:10). But it was not alone publicly that Paul taught and reasoned with the Ephesians, but he practiced "visitation evangelism," (Acts 29:20), going from house to house, though with the difference that he didn't act the fool about it. Note the earnestness of the man. "Serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, and trials which befell me in the plotting of the Jews" (Acts 20:19).

III. THE MIRACULOUS ELEMENT IN PAUL'S EPHESIAN MINISTRY.

Practicers of the Black Arts today are looked upon merely as clever rogues. The New Testament never speaks of them as such. The New Testament says these things are Satanic, and always attributes them to the agency and activity of spiritual personalities. Into this city

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Twas in the canebrake days of the summer of 1872 when God-fearing men and women of Baptist belief determined to organize a church in this part of the Mississippi Delta. Previous to this time, in order to worship and serve God in company with organized Christian believers, they had affiliated with the Methodist church, but with the distinct understanding that when a Baptist church should be organized they would withdraw and unite with people of their faith and order.

These heroic souls met under the arched boughs of one of God's great leafy cathedrals on the Dyer plantation, a few miles above Dockery on land now known as the Robb Place. In this grove under the leadership of Rev. A. D. Brooks the Olive Branch church was organized. Some of the persons who composed this little band had letters from Old Macedonia Church of the Jones Bayou neighborhood. The next meeting day, one month later, eighteen or twenty entered this membership, most of them by baptism. Among this number was Mrs. Dollie Marshall, who, so far as can be ascertained, is the only living person who was with this church in its beginning and remained with it until it was disbanded. The first deacons of this church were Mr. William Stigler, grandfather of Mrs. Dollie Marshall, and Mr. Elber Kinsey, father of Rev. J. E. Kinsey now located at Lula, Mississippi. The clerk of this church was James Stigler, father of Mrs. Dollie Marshall. This faithful band continued to meet in this grove once a month until 1875, or rather met every time the weather permitted, for they never built a house of worship there. Rev. A. D. Brooks continued as pastor during these three years.

In 1876 they changed their meeting place to the Olive Branch neighborhood where a cemetery of that name is now located. They met sometimes near and in a little log school hut ten by twelve. Inside were several split log seats without backs. About ten children went to school here. This hut served until a frame building was constructed in 1880. This building was moved over on the bayou in the same year and continued to serve as a school also. A new frame building went up in 1892 near the old location. Services were held in this house until the church ceased to be. The building stood until a storm blew

a tree across the center of the roof. It was then torn down.

In 1876, when the church moved to the Olive Branch neighborhood, Rev. J. E. Watts became its pastor. He continued to be their shepherd at different times as long as it existed. Two pastors who served at periods of ill health for Rev. Watts were Rev. Richardson and Rev. Nelson.

After the organization of Ruleville Baptist Church its pastors often preached at the Olive Branch church until a small number met one Sunday and disbanded the church. A great number of them then went to Ruleville.

(The information for this article was furnished by Mrs. Dollie Marshall of Ruleville. She joined the Olive Branch Baptist Church at the age of 13, and is at the time of the writing of this history 77 years old. Her mind is still clear and active. She has just shown me a copy of the minutes of Sunflower Baptist Association for the year 1876.)

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THE RULEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

By Rev. W. A. Bell

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(From information furnished by A. L. Marshall.)

The first Methodist church in this locality was organized in the home of B. S. Marshall, the father of our A. L. Marshall, in the year 1868. Services were held there during the summer months for several years when a log, or pole, hut was built at Sycamore Grove, now known as Olive Branch, but called by some people Lehrton.

When this church was first organized, two people who joined it made the statement that they would withdraw and unite with a Baptist church as soon as one should be founded.

Rev. J. N. Flowers, who began this church, lived in old McNutt, at that time the county seat of Sunflower County. The report is that at first he walked here from McNutt to hold services, but by the help of his friends soon secured a mule to ride.

The Methodists and Baptists continued to worship in the little pole house at Olive Branch until about 1880 when they united to build a frame house. This building was also used as a school. Services were conducted once a month by both churches.

In the early nineties the Methodists secured an acre of land from S. T. Jones on Daugherty Bayou, where a church and parsonage were

built by Rev. E. McNabb. The parsonage still stands intact.

In 1900 this church was moved to the town of Ruleville and located where the present church now stands. In 1913 a cyclone completely demolished this structure. The school building was destroyed at the same time, but another was erected the next year, and the Methodists worshiped in it until the present handsome brick edifice was built in the year 1916.

Among the early pastors of the church was Rev. W. S. Shipman, who served the congregation in 1882, and again, during the four years of the World War.

The influence of this congregation reaches back to pioneer days, and has always exerted a strong power in moulding the lives of the people. The membership is above the average in numbers, spiritual fervor, and financial stability. At the time of this writing, they are doing splendid work in every department. The Sunday school, led by J. H. Banks, superintendent, is well attended, properly graded, and operates a very live Worker's Council. The Woman's Missionary Society is actively engaged in carrying out in a great way their part of every phase of the denominational work, and their ears are ever kept acutely attuned to local needs. The stewards of the organization are doing a splendid job of planning and executing all directive and financial policies and programs.

The present officers are Rev. Walter Campbell, pastor; J. H. Banks, superintendent of the Sunday school; Seth Williams, chairman board of stewards; Mrs. Rufus Hughes, president Woman's Missionary Society, and Mrs. Herman Moore, acting president.

OUR CLUBS AND FRATERNALITIES

By Rev. W. A. Bell

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There is an excellent fraternal spirit in the town of Ruleville. It is manifested in the following where any citizen may find a place of service and pleasant association. The American Legion has a good post. The Woodmen have a good camp. The K. P.'s have a good lodge. The Masons are very active. The Eastern Star Chapter is far above the average. We have an excellent Community Club. The Wom-

en's Club is doing excellent work in the community and having good literary programs. The Twentieth Century Club is noted for its excellent programs and fine community service. The Rotary Club is displaying in a noble way its service above self.

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THE RULEVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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In August, 1911, through the efforts of H. Reynolds, and following a meeting held by J. Fred Jones, the Christian church was organized. A frame church building was used until 1924, when the present one was erected. Victor Smith was pastor at the time, and helped very materially with the new church.

The congregation has never been large in numbers, but has always supported, to the extent of its ability, every phase of the church work.

From this group two preachers have gone out: H. O. Langston, Holtonville, California, and K. H. McKorkle, Dyersburg, Tennessee.

The church is temporarily without a pastor, but is doing good work.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson is Sunday school superintendent. Mrs. Elodie McGee is president of the Missionary Society.

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The Children's Circle

MRS. P. I. LIPSEY

My dear children:

Well, we seem to be on the "up and up" again this week, for we have quite a little bunch of mail. I was so glad to get a day or two ago a letter from Miss Mildred, and you will be glad, too, I know. It shows her to be already a real missionary. But would you have thought it possible that in our Christian country, and in a city where there are so many Christians, could be found little children and grown people who had never so much as heard of our Lord Jesus Christ? And the Baptist Bible Institute is doing a noble work in training its young people to tell to others the "sweet story of old."

The next letter is from Mary Ruth, telling of her birthday, and many presents, and sending besides her J. L. Club dollar, eleven cents for birthday offering. She doesn't tell how she hurt her foot.

Then the next day comes Fannie Mae's letter. She has evidently been reading the Children's Page, and I think it is a habit with her, don't you? Mrs. Austin will be interested to hear of some on else's lovely Night-blooming Cereus. I'm sure John will be pleased that his story about the squirrels has been so long remembered. I hope he will respond to Fannie Mae's wish, and write us another story.

Here is another letter from Mrs. J. S. Locke, sending birthday offering for herself and her youngest son, and also a gift for our B. I. girl. She will see our girl's name in her letter this week.

Here is also our Clarksdale honored Friend, and her letter makes me think of what I have often heard people say, that "valuable packages are put up in small parcels." She is Jeannie Lipsey No. 4, and her brief letter brings us each month three dollars. We thank you, dear Friend, all of us. I hope Mrs. McCall will excuse me for saying that I believe this last letter from her is the most interesting she has sent us, and they are all interesting. She had a good time when she was a little girl, didn't she? I feel sure she has a good time now, too. She knows how to enjoy things. But I know the little girl she used to be was embarrassed when she ate up all her candy unpulled, don't you?

Mrs. Gordy of Lake is sick, and asks our prayers that she may be restored to health sufficiently to allow her to go to church again. This is something we all can do, if we love the Lord. Will you not when you pray, include her, and ask God's blessing upon her?

You will be surprised to see here a letter from brother Theodore Cormier, the young French preacher, to whom we contributed for several years. He now has a settled pastorate, and tells a good deal about his work.

I did not go to the meeting of the association where I hoped to meet our Mrs. Phillips. (We really have two Mrs. Phillips on our membership list: this is the older lady, who originated our birthday offering for the orphans.) She was there, Dr. Lipsey told me, and I was disappointed in not seeing her and being with her. I did go last week to my association, the Hinds-Warren, and had a mighty good time. We went with brother Mize of the Orphanage, and he told us some things about it that I want to tell you, but not now. I just have time to close this very long letter with love to you all,

From,
Mrs. Lipsey

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THE TEN LEPERS HEALED
Luke 17

As Jesus was going to Jerusalem,

he passed through Samaria and Galilee. When he came to a certain little village ten men met him who were lepers, and they stood afar off. You know leprosy is considered a very bad disease, as it is thought to be incurable and the Israelites were commanded to put them out of the camp. That is why these men stood afar off. But they must have heard of Jesus and thought he could cure them or help them, so when they saw him they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves unto the priests," as that was a command given by Moses. And it came to pass as they went they were cleansed. One of them when he saw that he was healed turned back and with a loud voice glorified God and fell down on his face at Jesus feet, giving him thanks. You remember that the Jews and Samaritans had no dealings with each other, but the one who returned to bring his thanks was a Samaritan. Jesus said, "Were there not ten men cleansed, but where are the nine? They are not found that return to give glory to God save this stranger." He said to him, "Get up, go your way, for your faith has made you well."

What army had fled and left their stuff and it was found by some lepers?

Answer: 2 Kings, 7th chapter.
Mrs. Beulah Mayo

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My dear Mrs. Lipsey:

It is such a pleasure to be at B. B. I. with so many opportunities for service in the Master's work.

The days are passing so swiftly by with each one bringing new experiences. So many interesting things are happening that I cannot tell about all of them, but I must tell you about one particular event.

The other day I had a Bible story hour with several little boys from six to eleven years old at the Charity Hospital here who had never heard about Jesus. Among the group was a little boy named Billy who had burned both of his legs severely. After I told him how Jesus loved the little children and that he could even make sick people well a smile came over his thin, pale face as he said, "And does Jesus love me too?"

Great joy came to Billy's heart when I told him that Jesus wanted him for his very own. Now he wants to hurry and get well so that he can go home and tell his mother and father about the wonderful story he has heard because they do not know about Jesus either.

I hope that the children who read this letter will remember Billy in their prayers, and that they might remember me, too, as I try to lead others to Christ.

With love,
Mildred Mixon

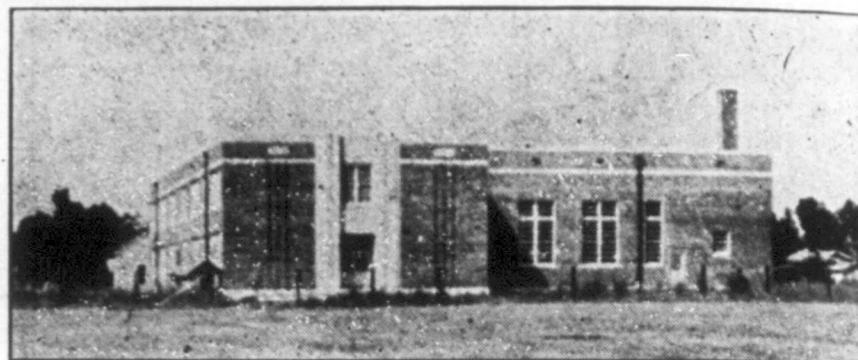
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Bay Springs, Miss.,
Oct. 17, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Am sorry I am late. My birthday was the third of this month: got lots of pretty things. Mother and dad gave me a desk. Am enclosing one dollar and the money that was in my cake, a dime for rich man and a penny for a poor man. I got a pretty lamp to go on my desk and many other things for it. I hurt my foot and could not go to school Thursday, but went to band practice that night, although I could not march that afternoon, but am walking with a cane.

With love,
Mary Ruth Denson

Well, Mary Ruth, you slipped up on me in your age. I didn't think



NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, RULEVILLE

you were round about eleven years old. You certainly got nice presents. Thank you for the dollar and the dime and the cent. Altogether they make a very attractive gift for our causes.

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Olive Branch, Miss.,

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I think we had such a nice page of letters from "grown-ups" last week. Mother says they are good examples for the children of your circle to follow. Mrs. Phillips was kind to remember our B. B. I. girl in the way she did. I wish Mrs. Austin could see auntie's pretty Dahlias. There are so many and such a variety of colors I know she would enjoy them. Grandmother's Night-blooming Cereus has already bloomed twice. I spent the night there the first time and about 10:30 or 11:00 auntie and I went down stairs and it had bloomed.

I enjoyed the story your son, Mr. John Lipsey, wrote for our page and now that it is cold out in Colorado I have been thinking of his squirrels. I wish he would tell us about them sometimes when he writes to you.

With love,
Fannie Mae Henley

This is a good letter, Fannie Mae, not a bit of gossip, which men think we poor women are so fond of, but chatty and interesting. Thank you for remembering my John's story, and I hope he will write us another. Maybe he will tell us about some deer. Thank you also for the dues for J. L. Club No. 1.

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Oxford, Miss., R 2.
Oct. 21, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am enclosing one dollar and fifty cents to you, of which I want one dollar donated to the orphans as a birthday offering from myself and my youngest son. Mine has passed and his will soon be. Fifty cents is for our B. B. I. girl's scholarship fund.

I enjoy your letters, and also the children's on your page. I think you are doing a wonderful work and I believe the reward will be yours.

Love to you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. J. S. Locke

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J. L. Club No. 4.

Friend.

How do you like this cold weather, Mrs. Friend? Are you going to the Baptist State Convention at Natchez next month? Do come, I hope to go. Many thanks for your gift.

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My dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am sorry I've waited, but as I had my letter about half finished, I fell and sprained my ankle, and while we do not write with that part of the body we do not feel like any kind of exertion. I am better and beginning to feel my usual self. We've had real Indian summer, which has been lovely, and I am back in Fort Worth with its pleasures, and with my grandchildren, who are a great joy.

Now, I am so sorry, that, in my description of the picnic I forgot to tell the children, we had no ice, except occasional hail in summer. I was a grown young lady before I knew anything of manufactured ice, and, too, we had no lemons, so no lemonade, just the clear, cool spring water, no pop, no soda water, and no suckers, just the plain substantial things raised in the country.

Usually our picnics were on a Saturday and on Sunday morning (Continued on page 16)

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The week of October 11-16 climaxed a splendid program of enlargement for the Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. Miss Enid Henry, B. T. U. Director, with the help and cooperation of pastor and other leaders of the training union, started a real program of enlargement with a supper on September 29th for pastor, directors, leaders, sponsors, senior presidents and Bible readers' leaders. From then on at every teachers' meeting the work was presented. On September 27th the promotion exercises gave color to the coming campaign. A playlet was given in the interest of the B. A. U. at the opening services of the adult department on October 4th. On Sunday the 11th the state secretary spoke at the morning service and the associate state secretary brought the evening message at the evening worship hour. In the afternoon of the 11th a visitation of the prospect members was made and during the week classes in methods were taught. Along with other results two splendid B. A. U.'s were organized. It was a good week and paved the way for a continuous growth and development of the Training Union of the church.

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Could You Give A Better Answer Than These?

In a class recently at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, the Intermediates were asked to write a sentence expressing their idea of a "home." The following are some of the answers:

Home is the family life inside the house or dwelling.

Home is an institution of social, spiritual, physical and intellectual training.

A place where character and love of family develops.

Home is the starting place in life where our talents are first developed.

A place where you and your family stay and play, and are happy.

Home is a happy, congenial place where parents and children live together.

Home is the sanctuary of love for the family.

Home is a place where the family should be cheerful and happy.

Home is an institution joined in love of one or more people.

A place where love is practiced by every member of the family.

Where one enjoys the comradeship of the family.

Home is the first place where we are supposed to learn about Christ.

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Lee County Associational Training Union Forges Ahead

Dear brother Wilds:

We had a fine county meeting of our B. T. U.'s Sunday, one of the largest crowds we have ever had. There were quite a number of churches represented with East Tupelo church having 43 present, Guntown 22, Bissell 33, and Second Church, Tupelo, had 30.

New officers were installed and we are going to have a county-wide social Friday night, November 6th at Saltillo. We will have a weiner roast and each church present is going to have one part of the entertainment.

You are invited right now, so if you can possibly make it we surely will be glad to have you.

The work is moving along. We have several of our pastors taking an active part and I believe this year will put us up with any county in the state.

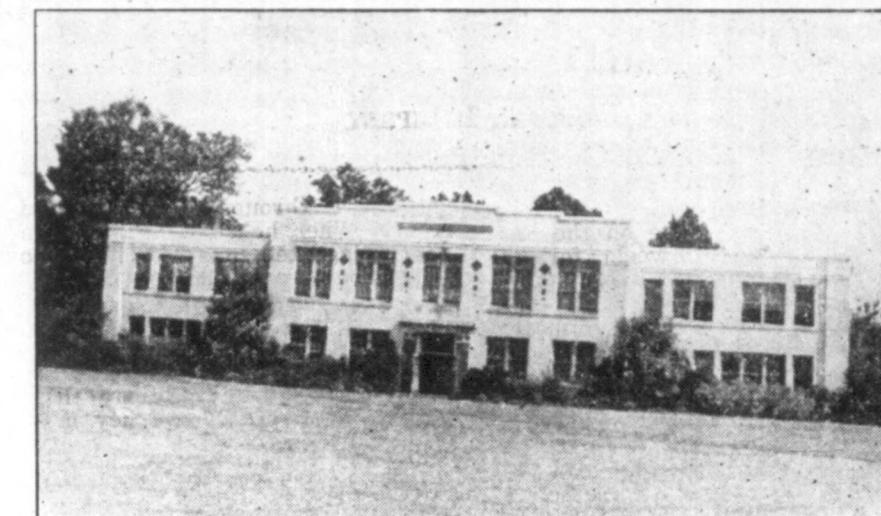
We have an attendance banner and I am going to order an efficien-

We congratulate the West Point Church in their choice of a successor for Mrs. Enoch Miller who served so efficiently in this position for several years.

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Congratulations to Clarksdale church and to Director J. R. Mullins on the new Junior B. Y. P. U. This new union starts off with an enrollment of 26 active members. This new union, along with the other unions, continues to increase in numbers and efficiency.

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL BUILDING, RULEVILLE

my banner to be awarded the church that deserve them.

East Tupelo church has just finished a fine study course. The Second Church had a study course a few weeks ago. Miss Lurline Turner taught both courses.

I am enclosing a list of our new officers.

Hoping you can be with us on November 6th at 6:30, I am,

Yours truly,
C. B. Stephens, Director
Lee County Association

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Gulf Coast Associational Training Union Report 11 New Unions

Progress comes when leaders lead. Mrs. W. G. Jones, director of the Gulf Coast Associational B. T. U. reports unions in all but three churches in the association. Since January 1st twelve new unions have been organized. Mrs. Jones has held the executive and program committee meetings each quarter as well as the regular associational meetings, has traveled 746 miles, visited 6 churches, written 80 letters and cards and made 105 phone calls. She attended the Southwide B. T. U. Conference in Birmingham, the Officers' Conference in April, and the District Convention in June. This is just a partial report of course but shows she has been busy for the Lord in this office that she has been honored with.

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COMMITTEE CORNER

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Seniors and Intermediates may find it interesting to have their programs in the form of a doctor's clinic. Let those on program be different doctors. To these a patient comes with a nervous disturbance which is causing him to be afraid of everything (in the Senior lesson) or making him too weak to meet disappointment (in

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the Intermediate lesson). As he approaches each doctor with his trouble they in turn give the remedy by giving their parts. The prescription is a good dose of Faith.

For the Juniors, have a crown drawn and as each member gives his part let him stick a star in the crown. The significance is shown when in the last part the "Reward of Faithfulness" is mentioned.

INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

In keeping with the above suggestion the quiz for the Seniors and Intermediates can be given in capsules and the reminders will be prescriptions giving the readings for the week. The Juniors may like the idea of writing the questions on "loaves" and the answers on "fish." All of these will be put in a basket and passed around for the different members to take one. One of the day's readings is about the feeding of the four thousand.

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ROTARY AND SERVICE
By Rev. W. A. Bell

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The establishment of a Rotary Club in Ruleville grew out of a long felt need for some organization that would act in bringing the business men of the town closer together, produce better fellowship, and enable them to give better service to the people of the community. In March 1925 this interest in a service club became very active, and the Cleveland Rotary Club was asked for assistance. Cleveland was anxious and ready to help, and on March 3, 1925, an organization was completed. Then, a number of Rotarians from Cleveland met with the new group March 6, all business which could be attended to was dispatched, and at this session the Ruleville Club decided to meet once a week until their request of Rotary International for a charter should be acted upon. One of the most active of the Cleveland Rotarians in founding this new club was Bob Sommerville, and the district governor at the time was Milton Smith of Clarksdale.

The Directors of Rotary International voted the charter for this club in May 1925.

The charter members of the club were W. G. Barner, C. E. Bowden, Ewing Brandon, J. P. Broadstreet, V. R. Burnham, J. A. Clark, W. S. Dixon, O. H. Livingston, J. Livingston, W. J. Lusk, A. L. Marshall, D. D. McEachern, D. R. Patterson, A. L. Pentecost, H. S. Stansel, O. E. Wiley.

The first officers of the club were: Horace Stansel, president; A. L. Pentecost, vice-president; Jake Livingston, treasurer; D. D. McEachern, secretary; Ewing Brandon, sergeant at arms; J. A. Clark, W. S. Dixon, and Oscar Livingston, directors.

One of the moving spirits in this organization is O. E. Wiley, who is a charter member, and who was its secretary for seven years.

This club began to meet in the Masonic Hall, and was served by groups of local women. In 1927, however, they initiated a movement to build a Community House; and each member of the Rotary Club contributed one hundred dollars. This \$2,100, acting as a starting point, created lots of interest; and people immediately went to work. Senator A. L. Marshall gave a lot and five hundred dollars as a memorial to his wife, and the new home became the Sadie Marshall Community Home. The ladies of the

town formed a Community Club, borrowed the remainder of the money from a sinking fund of the town, and have paid it all with the money obtained from serving weekly luncheons to the Rotarians. This beautiful home now stands as a monument to the service of Rotary, and the heroic efforts of noble women.

The Ruleville Club has demonstrated its usefulness in many ways. It has aided in furnishing milk to undernourished children. The club always, at the first of each new school term, entertains the teachers at a get-acquainted luncheon, at which luncheon an educational speaker of importance is secured to address them. Several boys and girls have had a better opportunity in life by being permitted to attend college upon money borrowed from the club. In its early days the club picked out a boy from high school to attend its luncheons and report to the others upon the activities of a community service club that the young men might be informed upon this subject before venturing into business. Once each year we have a Farmer's Day, at which time an agriculturalist of prominence is invited to bring the assembled group a message of vital interest. To summarize, this club is, and has always been, ready to take part in any activity which will build up our community.

The present officers of the club are: Dr. J. A. Clark, president; Ashby Miller, vice-president; Dr. V. R. Burnham, secretary and treasurer; and Van Long, sergeant at arms. The directors are: the of-

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First: Make sense of this sentence: "It was and I said not all."
Second: Make the letters of this sentence into one word: "Nor do we."

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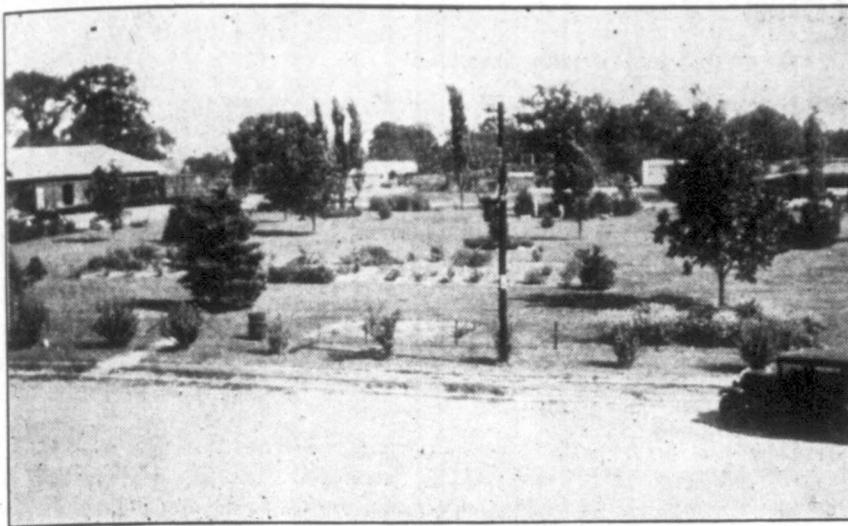
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By Mrs. W. A. Bell

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Some years ago, on August 7, a little tow headed baby boy was born in the town of Enid, Mississippi. Of course, as is the case with most parents, they thought that some day he would be the president. His Grandmother Bell, however, from whom he received his white hair, and who immediately became very much attached to him, prayed that he would become a minister.

His father and mother, Roy and Cora Bell, were young, and very hard workers. They wanted to get on in life. Roy Bell was a railroad agent, and a good one. So well did he do the job at Enid that he was soon transferred to Batesville. Again he worked hard, and this time he was given the best agency on the division, Senatobia, Mississippi. Here, amidst excellent school advantages, they decided to build a home, and do the best they could for their fast growing family. To this union there came five children: Susie, William, Louise, Lillian, and Roy, Jr. Susie died in early childhood, but the rest have grown to take their place as men and women in the world's work.

William, whose life I am now following, demonstrated superior intelligence from the very beginning; he immediately began to rank at the top of his classes. He won the scholarship medal in the Senatobia school; and, although, in the race several times, could not because of a rule of the school win it a second time.

At the close of his junior year he stopped school and went to work for the Illinois Central Railroad Company as a cotton checker at the amazing salary of fifteen dollars a month. He was soon promoted to assistant warehouse clerk at thirty dollars, then to warehouse clerk at sixty dollars.

In 1919 the boy went to Winona to take his first position away from home. He was to be night ticket agent. So hard did he work that in three months he was promoted to a day position at an increase in salary. In time he was given charge of the station accounts, and with overtime in heavy business sometimes drew nearly two hundred dollars per month.

In 1921 we met and fell in love with each other, and on Christmas day in 1922 we were married.

Prior to our marriage, under the influence of Harry Watts of Wi-

nona, my husband had been doing quite a bit of work in the Men's Bible Class. He enjoyed his work with these men very much, and in the first year of our married life underwent a terrific struggle which ended in his surrendering to God's call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was a hard decision to make. He had been out of school for eight years. He was leaving an excellent position and venturing out on nothing but his faith in the promises of God. But we believed in Him and were willing to face the problem together. I secured a position to teach in the public school at Winona, and my husband went away to prove himself at Mississippi College. I knew he could make good; and was not surprised, though I was overjoyed, when at the end of the first semester he stood near the top of his class. He continued to make good, and in his senior year was employed to grade all theme work in junior and senior English. He graduated in three years with an A.B. degree, and his diploma had written upon it "with special distinction."

We now turned our faces toward the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. How could we go? The summers had eaten up my meagre salary, for I had gone to school at Tulane University and half finished my Master's degree. Again, however, we ventured out with God.

When we arrived at Louisville we had only fifty dollars, but the Lord began to smile upon us when I secured a position as clerk in a department store. At the end of the first year my husband obtained the position of milk salesman at the Seminary. In this capacity he met and became a close friend to a Mr. Gregory who was the senior trustee of Middletown school. The long and short of the situation was that he gave me an excellent position in this school, and this position paid a splendid salary. God had been with us, and our troubles were over. My husband sold milk, delivered papers, swept buildings, and bound paper in the summer, and in the winter he went to school and preached.

His first pastorate came at the end of the first year; and he kept it, in spite of better calls, until he finished the Seminary. He loved the people, and they loved him, and it nearly broke his heart to leave them. During his work at the Seminary, my husband again made excellent grades, one of which was

making a hundred for one entire year in Greek. He finished in the spring of 1930 with the degree of Master of Theology.

On finishing the Seminary we returned to Winona. Grenada had called a pastor, but he could not take charge of the field for three months. They called us for these months. At the end of this term, without the break of a single Sunday, Ruleville called us; and we have been here ever since.

My husband is now beginning his seventh year as pastor of this fine congregation of people. They appear to love us, and we know that we love them dearly. Their loyalty and devotion have encouraged us to greater effort in the most difficult of the problems; and in, and through it all, we have seen a steady progress each year. Other calls have oftentimes had a very decided pull, but somehow the hand of God seems to be still pointing here, and we want to do His will.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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where sorcery had its seat, came Paul, the servant of God. And it is written not that Paul performed miracles, but that God wrought them by the hands of Paul. Thus it is that Peter speaks of the miracles of Jesus, "A man approved of God unto you by mighty works and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you" (Acts 2:22). So God condescended to heal the bodies of sick people through the hands of Paul. God condescended to work through Paul on a lower plane than the miracles wrought in the spiritual. The greater wonders were not the healing of these people, but the spiritual wonders wrought in those who were made children of God. A case of real conversion, of genuine regeneration, of salvation from the guilt and dominion of sin, is a miracle far more real and important than any movement upon mere matter can possibly be.

IV. DEFENDERS OF DIANA

(19:21:44).

Bear in mind that it was a defense. Our Lord was not on the defensive. He waged in Ephesus an offensive warfare. He does that everywhere. The church which does not attack the wickedness of the world about it is a disgrace to the Lord whom it misrepresents, and the preacher who mouths a defense

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sive deliverance is—well. But Christ Jesus in Paul gave battle to the wrong. Of course Paul exercised sanctified common sense. But his teaching was such that the logical consequence of it would have been exactly what Demetrius said it would be. The temple of Diana would have been deserted, and the makers of shrines and images would have been deprived of their business. So the defenders of Diana, the soldiers of sin, made a counter-attack upon the Christian movement. At heart, the motive of the attack was selfishness. Is it not always so? Sin is always so, and does always so.

In this incident we have the story of a Roman official's unconscious work for God. The town-clerk did a good piece of work for the Lord the day he quelled the mob in the theatre, though he did not know he wrought for God.

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"To what do you attribute your start on the road to success?"

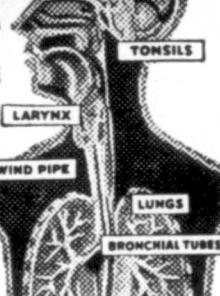
The self-made man pondered. "I think," he said, "it must have been the fact that when I was an office boy I laughed louder than any of the other boys at the manager's jokes."

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King Edward is reported engaged to the Princess Frederica Louise Thyra Victoria Margerita Sophia Olga Cecilia Isabella Christa. The King can do as he likes, but if I married a girl with all those names I'd feel as though I'd wedded the graduating class of Wellesley or Vassar.

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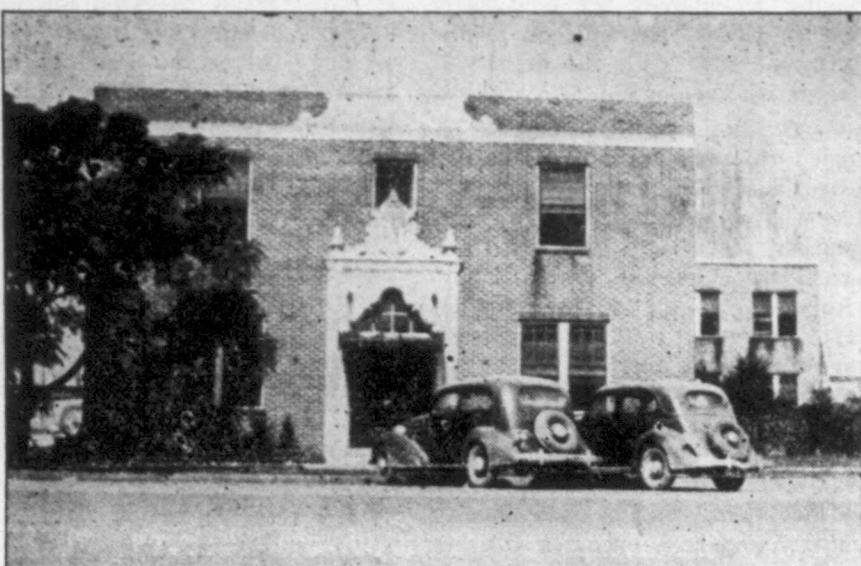
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CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

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one never thought of being tired, but we were off bright and early to church, as the country expression was "off to meeting." Now, dear children, I'll tell you of a candy-pulling in the long ago.

A number met, played games, such as, Texas Grunt, Thimble, Chicky my Crany Crow, Frog in the Middle and others while the candy was cooking—great fun we had. And then the fun of the pulling! I am sure you are thinking of the nice fluffy candy you make of sugar, but this was of molasses and when pulled was a nice creamy brown, enjoyed by both young and old.

But at my first, the joke was on me. I was about 6, and when the plates of candy were brought in for pulling, the little boy, with whom I was paired, and I proceeded to eat ours, and I remember, vividly,

my feelings, after all these years, when I noticed that others had pulled theirs and were enjoying it, as was intended.

I sent Tommie Lee my address and have hoped to hear from her.

How old was Jesus when he was found in the temple talking with the doctors?

Children, don't you enjoy the grand Bible stories by Mrs. Mayo?

Mrs. McCall.

1811 Jennings,

Fort Worth.

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Lake, Miss.,

Oct. 17, 1936.

My dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a Baptist of 60 years, and 75 years old. I read the Baptist Record every week, and I want to join the Children's Circle just for one letter to you and the Record. I love the Record with Christian love. I am sick now, here in my room at my daughter's, and I get so lonely to get out and go to services. But I thank God that I am dedicated to

Him, and can serve Him in my room.

I ask an interest in the prayers of you all.

With love, from,

Mrs. Jinnie Gordy

Many of us, I trust, Mrs. Gordy, will ask our Heavenly Father to give you comfort and peace, and to raise you up from your bed, if it be His will, to go to worship again in His house. You have, I hope, already gotten my letter. We send you our love.

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Mamou, La.,

Oct. 25, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Perhaps you don't know yet—but I was happily married last April 17th and we are living here on the field—and we are working daily in the Lord's work. This is a small town of five hundred, and the Catholics are very strong. But the Lord has been very good and gracious toward our little churches. We have had seven glorious conversions in the last four months, and just at the present we baptized a young man, who was a prominent Catholic and a business man. We are all very much in prayer with him. He has been and is still severely persecuted. All his family has forsaken him. His wife left him, and he was on the verge of losing his job. But he remained faithful and the Lord is turning the tide—his wife is coming back with a great interest in the Bible. And as a direct result from the extreme persecution another very devout Catholic family has become greatly interested and is studying the scripture now. And their oldest boy, 14 years old, has entered the Baptist Academy here at Church Point, La., and he is doing well.

We are very happy in our little work here. Sometimes its slow and discouraging, but the Lord has done marvelous things for us. We are asking the prayers of you and your good people. The need of our little

church is great, but we are trusting the Lord for it all.

As we pray, we remember you and your work with the Children's Circle.

Believe me to be,

Yours truly in the Lord,
Theo. Cormier
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BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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Tuscola Training School

We have had a profitable study course this week at Tuscola church, with the Juniors and Intermediates studying the Manuals and the Seniors and adults taking the new book, "Building a Christian Home." The attendance was fine in all three classes. As a surprise to the visiting teacher the young people staged a Hallowe'en party Friday night. Truly, a "good time was had by all." Recently an adult union and an Intermediate union have been organized, and are getting off to a splendid start.

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S. S. ATTENDANCE OCT. 25TH

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SINCE YOU FULLY INTEND TO SECURE YOUR TEN MEMBERSHIPS PLEASE DO SO BY NOVEMBER 12, SO WE CAN MAKE A VICTORIOUS REPORT AT NATCHEZ ON THE SEVENTEENTH. WE LACK ONLY ABOUT ONE THOUSAND MEMBERSHIPS. GET YOUR TEN, AND YOU

WILL HAVE DONE YOUR SHARE TOWARD THE VICTORY.

Pastors, if you really want Mississippi Baptists out of debt and want no more debt-paying campaigns use all of your influence between now and November 12 to make the Five Thousand Club succeed.

BAPTISTS, throughout Mississippi, see your pastors or Club WORKERS in your Associations and give them your Club memberships if you really want Mississippi Baptists out of debt. Please do this by November 12.

If we really mean business there is no sense in waiting until after the Centennial at Natchez to complete the Five Thousand Club. That occasion is when victory should be announced.

WORKERS, PASTORS, PEOPLE, show your appreciation of Christ's sacrifice for you by finishing this job by November 12. Is there any reason for delaying it longer?

FRANK E. SKILTON, GENERAL CHAIRMAN

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